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Sudden Death Of President Roxas HAS HEART ATTACK AFTER MAKING SPEECH

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Manila, Apr. 15.—President Manuel G. Roxas, 55-year old President of the Philippines, died in Manila today. He was unofficially reported to have had a heart attack earlier after delivering an anti-Communist speech to American Air Force officers at Clark Field, the American air base north of Manila.

Born in 1892 and educated at St Joseph's College, Hongkong, and the University of the Philippines, Senor Roxas was elected to the House of Representatives in 1922.

He was Speaker until 1934, when he became a member of the Constitutional Convention.

Nanking Assembly Suicide

Nanking, Apr. 16.—A 68-year-old Manchurian Assembly delegate committed suicide here late last night.

Mr Kung Hsien-yung, delegate from Sungkian (30 miles south-west of Shanghai), was found at 6 p.m. hanging in one of the hostels reserved for National Assembly delegates.

A close friend of Mr Kung told Reuter that the deceased had been depressed over the increasingly critical war situation in Manchuria, where Mr Kung's family had been rendered homeless.

During the Sino-Japanese War, Mr Kung was commander of a group of guerrillas, but he relinquished his command when Nationalist troops entered Manchuria. He leaves a wife and two adult sons.—Reuter-AAP.

EDITORIAL

Capital Punishment

THE free, non-party vote favouring the abolition of capital punishment in Britain for an experimental period of five years gives House of Commons approval to one of the most contentious phrases of Criminal Law reform. The importance of the decision is better appreciated when it is recalled that, although the issue was part of a Criminal Justice Bill already approved in principle and passed through Committee, the Labour Government officially opposed the suggested abolition; technically, therefore, Government was defeated on the vote, but there were no traditional cries of "Resign!" because all MPs had received party dispensation to vote according to their personal inclinations. Wednesday's House of Commons decision climaxed a parliamentary agitation which started in 1935 when a Select Committee recommended abolition of the death penalty for an experimental period of five years. The recommendation was subsequently rejected, but the agitation for reform continued even during the World War II years, and Wednesday's vote therefore can be regarded as a belated vindication of the 1935 Select Committee's work. The wisdom of abolishing capital punishment in Britain has now to be demonstrated; the simple act of placing it on the Statute Book will not lessen the controversy which has for so many years raged around the subject. Anti-abolitionists will continue to argue that the threat of imprisonment for murder is an insufficient deterrent to criminals; will, in fact, probably encourage violent crimes, while those who favour abolition will continue to argue their case on humanitarian lines and claim that abolition of the

death penalty already works successfully in many countries. It is of some significance to note that after the turn of the century most of the European nations abolished capital punishment, but since 1929, under stress of war and enemy occupation have been forced to restore it. Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Rumania, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden all abrogated capital punishment between 1910 and 1929, but apart from Spain and Switzerland, the penalty has been reimposed under martial law decrees which are still in existence. Nine Latin American countries have abolished capital punishment, and in the United States only Vermont, Connecticut, North Carolina and New Mexico retain absolute capital punishment; the remainder of the states have either abolished it or imposed it in a modified form. Within the British Empire, New Zealand, hitherto, has been the only country to abolish the death penalty (at the same time it eliminated flogging as a legal form of punishment), although Australia has compromised by giving States the power to fix their own laws regarding capital punishment. On the basis of precedence, the people of Britain who favour abolition can point to some fairly weighty evidence, but the principal dispute, whether after abolishing the death penalty Society is afforded the protection against violent and lawless characters, to which it is entitled, remains unsettled. If, within five years, the incidence of homicide shows a marked decrease, abolition of capital punishment will, to some degree, be vindicated. But many will still feel that the law should be as well as just.



THE LATE PRESIDENT
MANUEL ROXAS

U.S. Radio Reporter Accused Of Espionage By His Own Secretary

Moscow, Apr. 15.—Espionage charges against Mr Robert Magidoff, a United States radio reporter in Moscow, by his American secretary, Miss Cecilia Nelson, were today splashed across two columns of Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper.

Miss Nelson, who has been Mr Magidoff's secretary since 1944, said that she had passed to the Soviet authorities documents she had accidentally discovered in his files "and which had found their way to him through the United States Embassy in Moscow."

"When I had read all these letters," she said, "it became absolutely clear to me that Mr Magidoff is making use of his sojourn in the USSR in the capacity of a correspondent for espionage, and is engaged in intelligence work directed against the Soviet Union."

Miss Nelson's letter, accusing Mr Magidoff of espionage, said she was convinced he was progressive in outlook and objective towards the Soviet Union until a few days ago she accidentally found papers which had not passed through her hands, but had reached him through the United States Embassy.

GIRL'S ACCUSATION

In her letter, she accused him of the closest contact with the Military and Naval Attaches at the Embassy, and of having used the diplomatic bag to transmit information.

"From these documents, it is evident that Mr Magidoff systematically received from the United States assignments in regard to collecting spy information in the Soviet Union," she wrote.

"I know the Chief Executive declared that the United States wants peace in all earnestness, but I know also that if need be she will go to war to defend liberty and freedom."

A magnificent air show performed by some 40 fighters and half a dozen Piper Cubs was staged in honour of the Philippine President. This was followed by an impressive review of thousands of troops of the 13th Air Force on the parade ground of the huge base.

In place of the President, who felt fatigued after his address, the President of the Philippine Republic, Jose Avelino, took the salute.

Major General Eugene L. Cubank, commanding officer of the 13th Air Force, accompanied the Presidential party in its inspection of the various installations of the base.

This was the President's first visit to Clark Airfield since he became head of the Philippine Republic more than two years ago. The rest of the party returned to Manila late in the afternoon.—Reuter.

AMERICA SHOCKED

Washington, Apr. 15.—The death of President Manuel Roxas shocked official American circles familiar with Philippine affairs and brought forth expressions of regret at the loss of another "one of three great Filipino leaders."

Similar expressions of regret and sympathy came from throughout the United States.

At Lake Success the United Nations flag will be lowered to half staff for three days in honour of the late President. This is in accordance with the custom of honouring dead chiefs of state of member countries.

First reaction in Congress came in the U.S. Senate when Senator Millard Tydings, co-sponsor of the Philippines Independence Act, announced President Roxas' death "with extreme regret." He declared Roxas as "one of three great Filipino leaders along with Quezon and Osmena."

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IMPORTANT VICTORY CLAIMED BY JEWISH FORCES

Offensive On Plain Of Armageddon

Jerusalem, Apr. 15.—Two hundred Arab casualties and the capture of seven 75-millimetre guns in a big new offensive against fortified Arab villages on the Biblical plain of Armageddon, Northern Palestine, were claimed by Jewish forces tonight.

They admitted three dead and some wounded in the attack on seven villages around the Jewish settlement of Mishmar Haemek.

General Ismail Selwat Pasha, Inspector General of the Arab Liberation Army, left Cairo today by

a special plane to relieve Fawzi El Kawukji, the Army's Commander in Chief, and 2,000 Arab troops cut off by Hagannah forces in a village near Jerusalem, a Reuter Cairo despatch said.

Azzam Pasha, the Arab League's Secretary General, said the Jews had thrown all their forces into the battle now raging throughout Palestine and the Committee had decided to take action accordingly.

The Egyptian newspaper "Al Zamaan" said if Kawukji's position got worse in the next few hours, "an Arab country will send its regular troops to Palestine."

Hagannah forces today occupied Tel Litwinsky camp, about six miles east of Tel Aviv, after killing 21 Arabs, a Jewish source reported.

CAMP EVACUATED

The British Army had evacuated Tel Litwinsky camp, a former United States Air Force camp, a few days ago.

Three British soldiers were killed when armed men, believed to be Jews, ambushed military convoys near Rehovoth today, Jewish sources in Jerusalem reported.

Between 25 and 30 Jews were still missing and feared dead in an Arab attack on a Jewish convoy on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, on Thursday, an official Jewish source said tonight.

Jewish press reports said here tonight that a Briton, serving with the Arab Liberation Army as an artillery officer, was killed when Jews captured an Arab field artillery near Mishmar Haemek.—Reuter.

AIR RAID SHELTERS

Jerusalem, Apr. 15.—Nearly 200 public air raid shelters are being built in the Jewish sections of Jerusalem as "the possibility of Arab air raids on Jerusalem is not impossible," a Jewish source said on Thursday.

Last weekend's shelling of the western outskirts of the capital also makes greater protection for non-combatants advisable," the source added.—Associated Press.

STARVATION THREAT

United Nations Palestine Commission, in a special report to the Security Council on the Palestine food situation, urgently recommended today the immediate shipment of 25,000 tons of wheat flour if starvation towards the end of May is to be prevented.

The report said steps which should have been taken by now to place orders for essential foodstuffs and make arrangements for their shipment had not been taken.

It added: "The situation is the result on the one hand of the mandatory power's decision to provide only food necessary to cover normal consumption and on the other hand the absence of means at the disposal of the Commission to finance food purchases."

"The interruption of food supplies can only be remedied by emergency measures to divert to Palestine cereals already purchased and in process of shipment to other areas."—Reuter.

LORDS MAY THROW OUT DEATH PENALTY BILL

London, Apr. 15.—The House of Lords may reject the five year trial abolition of the death penalty for murder, decided by a free vote of the House of Commons last night, according to informed sources in the House of Lords tonight.

In that case the Government, though it opposed the abolition but was overruled by its own rank and file Members, may have the paradoxical duty of fighting the House of Lords to secure a reform which it disapproves.

Cabinet leaders, though displeased at yesterday's vote, recognise that the will of the House of Commons is paramount.

They consider it their duty to present the new Criminal Justice Bill, amended to include the abolition of the death penalty for five years, to the House of Lords exactly as if it were a measure passed by a Government majority.

The House of Lords have the power to delay the Bill for two years, though this period would be reduced if a Bill for the reform of the House of Lords—now before Parliament—becomes law.

The chief problem would arise when the Bill came back to the House of Commons if rejected by the House of Lords. Before being submitted to the House of Lords a second time, it would have to be passed afresh by the House of Commons.

Political quarters ask whether the Government would then give the House of Commons a second free vote, probably repeating yesterday's paradox.

The general belief is that the Government would not allow an enemy Parliament to itself to deter it from the constitutional duty of seeing that the will of the House of Commons prevailed.

Mr Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, is expected to announce in Parliament tomorrow that men now under sentence of death for murder will not be hanged.—Reuter.

U.S. Will Build Big Air Force

\$3,198,000,000
BILL PASSED

Washington, Apr. 15.—Advocates of a vast Air Force for the United States scored a thumping victory over President Harry Truman today when the House of Representatives passed a US\$3,198,000,000 bill to start building up a 70 group Air Force. The vote was 343 to 3.

Secretary of Defence James Forrestal, backed by the President, has been supporting a 55 group force, taking the position that the bigger expansion would destroy the balance of the Armed Services.

The action threw into sharp relief a wide open split within the administration and disagreement among the heads of the various Armed Services. Secretary of Air W. Stuart Symington has been plugging for the 70 group force.

Representative Francis Case, South Dakota Republican, called the bill a warning to Stalin to "stop, look and listen."

SENT TO SENATE

By the unusual unanimous vote of 115 to 0, the House added US\$322,000,000 to a US\$2,376,100,000 bill designed originally to finance a 55 group Air Force.

Then it passed the entire measure and sent it to the Senate. The programme would be a five year plan. Additional billions would have to be voted later to complete it.

The bill would provide: Air Force—US\$800,000,000 cash and US\$1,697,000,000 contract authority (for funds which must be voted later).

Naval Aeronautics—US\$315,000,000 cash and US\$588,000,000 contract authority.

At his press conference earlier in the day, President Truman said he did not know why Symington was plugging the 70 group Air Force against the President's wishes.—Associated Press.

Dump Explosion: Many Casualties

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 15.—More than 100 casualties—including several dead—were feared in a violent explosion reported tonight to have destroyed an Army ammunition dump on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro.

All available ambulances and fire engines were ordered to the scene but the rescue work was hampered by a series of continuing minor explosions.

According to first reports, 40 people were killed and 200 wounded. All traffic on the Central Highway, which runs near the dump, has been suspended. Passengers on the last train to go through said they had to lay on the floor of the carriages to avoid fragments and exploding cartridges which crashed through the windows.—Reuter.

OIL REFINERIES ON FIRE

Washington, Apr. 15.—A fire was today raging among the oil refineries at Barracabernera, in Colombia—where a revolt broke out six days ago—according to unconfirmed reports, reaching the State Department tonight from Medellin, Colombia.

Disorders were reported from Terbo, and mines at Chocco Pacifico and Agoya Istmina, were believed to be in rebel hands. Disturbances were also reported in Segovia, Antioquia, and in Otun.—Reuter.

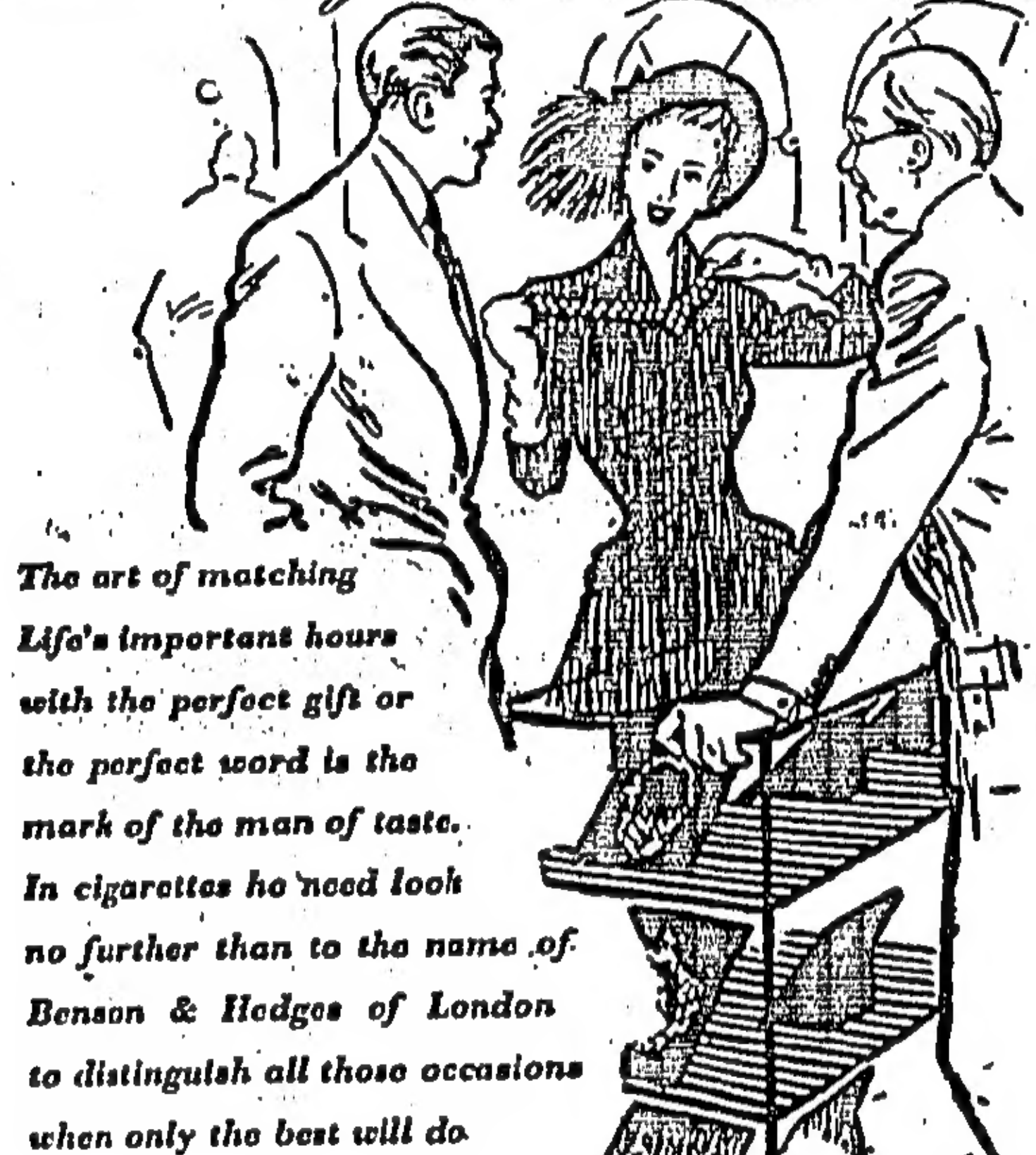
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To complement Spring costumes.

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

WHITE CREPE is just about the most popular choice for the costume blouse selected for general wear. This version is nicely tailored softened by some effective touches such as the inset stitching. It has easy sleeves with French cuffs. The second blouse is a very good version of the evening sweater which is enjoying new-found popularity. It is of black boucle, striped at the shoulders, yoke and sleeves in pink. The shoulder is interestingly handled, for, although, it is sloped, it manages to give the impression of width, which so many women like, despite the present emphasis on the shoulder that is gentle.

GOOD SAUCE PEPS UP ANY FISH

By ALICE DENHOFF

IT'S at this time of year, when so much fish is served that we realise how much the right sauce can do to not only pep up bland-tasting fish, but transform it into really fine fare.
Creole sauce does things for and to fish enquetes or cutlets. Cook one small sliced onion and ¼ c. chopped green pepper in 2 tbsp. fat until soft. Blend in 2 tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 2 c. canned tomatoes. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Add 1 tsp. lemon juice.

Here are sauces for broiled, baked, steamed or pan-fried fish. To make a piquant pimiento sauce melt 3 tbsp. table fat, add 3 tbsp. flour; stir until blended. Gradually add 1½ c. milk. Cook over simmer heat until thickened, stirring occasionally. Add ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 2 c. 100% chopped pimiento. Serve hot. Yield: 1½ c. sauce.

Vegetable Sauce
For a nice vegetable sauce that goes well with baked or steamed fish cook ½ green pepper, one medium onion and one c. celery (all chopped) in ¼ c. hot fat until soft. Add 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 2 c. canned tomatoes; cover, cook over simmer heat for 30 min.

For the menfolk who complain that fish is too bland, here's an excellent barbecue sauce that is fine either as an accompaniment to fish or for broasting fish during broiling or baking. Combine 2/3 c. catsup, 1/3 c. each vinegar and Worcestershire sauce, 1 tsp. sugar, 1 tsp. prepared mustard, few grains cayenne pepper, juice and grated rind of a lemon, 1 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. drippings or fat and one grated medium onion. Boil for 5 min.

A tangy mustard sauce does wonders for broiled fish. Mix 2 tsp. dry mustard, 2 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce, and 4 tsp. tomato catsup. Spread mixture over fish one minute before removing from broiler.

Tartar Sauce
Tartar Sauce goes particularly well with broiled or pan-fried fillets, fish steaks or whole fish. Combine ½ c. mayonnaise, 1 tsp. minced onion, 2 tsp. chopped pickle, 1 tsp. chopped olives and 1 tsp. chopped parsley.

Horseradish sauce does a good job of spicing bland fish. Brown 2 tbsp. margarine; add 2 tsp. flour, ½ to one tsp. salt, pepper to taste. Stir until smooth. Add slowly one c. fish stock; cook, stirring until thick. Add 2 to 4 tsp. horseradish; serve.

Don't go colour crazy when Redecorating Your Home

By Eleanor Ross

INTERIOR decorators are more practical and down to earth than most people give them credit for. Of course there are some members of this group that see everything only in terms of an unlimited budget and weird colour schemes. Then there are some who don't like traditional furniture, while others shudder at thoughts of a modern piece.

We have been chatting with one decorator, who, although reserved for the upper brackets, has sensible, realistic views about the average home, as well as about the expensive get-ups that he does. Yes, he has very decided views which we like, especially those about paint.

He thinks that the average human goes completely haywire when confronted with a colour chart, and that she, and he, (for men go colour crazy, too) ends up by requesting a

dash of anywhere from two to five shades in a room. This expert insists that the safest rule, for painting a room is to use the same shade all over, on the ceiling, the walls, the woodwork. If you have chosen a shade of paint that would not look right under these conditions, you may be sure it will look no better in combination with some other shade.

Painting a room in an interesting, yet subdued colour gives you the opportunity for much more latitude in choice of style, colour and shape of your furniture. Then, too, an all-over paint job offers the opportunity to give texture to the walls. Next time think about the possibility of a soft pebble grain, or veining perhaps, or a contrast between smooth and coarse texture.

THE BUDGET

Our decorator is concerned with the disappearance of the dining room and the subsequent make shift attempts at eating in the living room, even for company meals. To make dining in the living room more pleasant, he suggests a round table, for it gives form and pleasing line to a corner of the living room when not in use. The stiff, formal type of table, he thinks, should be used only in the dining room.

As for the budget, he suggests for the living room, 55 percent on furniture (as much as 35 percent for the sofa); 20 percent on the carpet; 25 percent on lamps, drapes, and tables, pain and varnish.

All woods in a room do not have to match, says this decorator, any more than all trees in a forest are of the same family. Of course, one does not go wood-happy and select many different types for one room, especially if it is small or of medium size. But it is the blending of different woods, of different designs into one harmonious whole that bespeaks innate taste and sense of the beautiful, and befitting.

PINK EYE IS A COMMON COMPLAINT

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

CONJUNCTIVITIS, or inflammation of the lining membrane of the eye, is something which most of us have experienced at one time or another. Since this disorder is so common, it is fortunate that it is rarely serious.

Vision is threatened in only rare instances, when the inflammation is due, for instance, to trachoma. These seem to be the only germs causing the inflammation of the membrane which are also capable of invading the cornea or dark portion of the eye.

When this occurs, there will be pain as well as sensitivity to light. Naturally, any patient with this type of conjunctivitis should be under the care of a specialist; since it involves danger of permanent damage to the eyes.

Not Painful

Usually, however, conjunctivitis is not painful. As a general rule it is accompanied by an inflammation of the eyelids, known as blepharitis. Ordinarily, there is a discharge from the eyes and the lids are stuck together when the patient awakens in the morning. The eyelashes are usually matted together and the conjunctiva reddened and inflamed. If there is a great deal of swelling in the tissues, but not much discharge, it is probable that the conjunctivitis is due to a virus infection.

Sometimes, in elderly people, the eye is dry, and the lining membrane becomes sore and sticky. This is due to a lack of the normal amount of tear formation. In such cases, there is also dryness of the mouth. The eye condition is called kerato-conjunctivitis sicca.

Infection of the conjunctiva may occur with the formation of ulcers or sores. Infection of the eye can also occur in tularemia and in diphtheria.

Due To Allergy

Sometimes conjunctivitis is due to allergy or sensitivity to dusts or pollens. The attacks in such cases, usually occur during the spring months.

The treatment for conjunctivitis depends, to some extent, upon the type of infection present. In most instances, the conjunctivitis clears up with proper treatment. The eye may be irrigated with various antiseptic solutions. Penicillin, as well as sulfonamide ointments, may be employed in the eye with benefit. Some boracic ointment, placed between the lids at night, is helpful in keeping the lids from sticking together.

In some cases, the physician will want to take a culture from the eye to determine what germs are producing the condition before carrying out the necessary treatment.

Good Slogan for Shoppers



This trim outfit, worn by Movie Star Shirley Temple, is a good example of a well-chosen ensemble.

By HELEN FOLLETT

"KEEP the ensemble in mind," is a good slogan for the shopper whether she is out stalking a goofy hat or looking for that "divine" little frock she has in mind. She must not only find clothes that are harmonious, but her make-up must be friendly to the colours she is wearing. It is all right to say that rouge and lipstick must glorify the complexion—but, if they kick up a fuss with one's hat or one's dress, they are no beauty bargains.

Women are seeking chic and sartorial charm as never before. They know better than to grab something from a hanger, hand it to a clerk, order it changed and sent, then speed on to the next objective. You can't get results that way. If you are assembling your spring wardrobe, use your head and do some heavy thinking.

The hat should show a friendly colour feeling for the dress or coat. Shoes and gloves must unite in your sartorial family, so be fussy about them.

The hairdo is another item in which the face, the figure and the kind of clothes one wears must be considered.

Career Girl

The smart career girl does not appear at her office with a shoulder length bob or a scrambled collure. Her hair must be beautifully tailored. The fluffy girl, of cute figure and baby face, should not sleek back her locks, go in for severe effects. One must be true to type.

Unity of perfumes must be observed. Creams of one scent may conflict with powders of another fragrance. Both salts, tonic rubs, astringents, hand lotions should be of the same aroma, if possible.

The idea of concord is a nice one; it applies to colours, clothes and cosmetics. Dress designers work out their colour plans to the smallest detail.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Purr-Purr's Singing Lessons

—It Was Very Hard to Find Her a Teacher—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl with the turned-around nose, heard the noise and said to her brother Knarf, "It must be from someone in pain. I'm sure someone must be hurt," she said.

So they both ran outside and there, by the kitchen door, they found Purr-Purr. There didn't seem to be anything the matter with her for as soon as she saw Hanid she rubbed herself against Hanid's leg and began purring.

Trying to Sing

"She was only trying to sing," said Knarf, and walked away. Hanid sat down on the back steps and took Purr-Purr in her lap. "Dear," said Hanid, as she petted the kitten, "you don't know how to sing at all. We thought someone was hurt. You ought to take singing lessons," she added.

"Now let's see. Who can give you singing lessons?" Hanid went on, thinking more and more of what a good idea this was. "There's the canary. He sings very well. If you could only learn to sing as well as the canary—"

Might Not Like It

But Hanid suddenly stopped as she remembered that the canary might not like giving singing-lessons to a kitten. "No, I don't think he will do," she said quickly. "Now who else? Oh, there's a cricket! Just let me ask him..."

Hanid poked under the lilac bush where the cricket was hiding and he came out. "You like to give singing lessons to a kitten?"

"The cricket vanished into the hole without stopping."

"I guess he's too busy," Hanid said, sitting down again with Purr-Purr. "Anyways, I don't think you'd like to chirp like a cricket."

Hanid tried to think who else might want to give the kitten singing lessons. The children sang songs (some of them quite pleasant), but there was no way of telling



Hanid looked for a cricket to teach Purr-Purr to sing.

them that the kitten ought to be taught to sing. The frog down at the pond did a bit of singing. "He ought to take singing lessons, too," Hanid said, hurriedly ruling out the frog.

The Tea Kettle

Purr-Purr might listen to the brook, which always bubbled and chuckled as it ran along. Or she might listen to the tea kettle and learn to whistle. Or she might—At that moment the cat who lived next door came along.

"Purr-Purr needs singing lessons," Hanid started to say. "Of course she does," the cat seemed to say. "You just let her come with me. I'll teach her how to sing!"

A little later Hanid heard Purr-Purr and the cat singing. They were both standing on the garden wall. "Well," sighed Hanid, "it still isn't very good singing. Poor Purr-Purr! I suppose she'll always sing just like a cat!"

POSER ANSWERS

1—Kidney. 2—Lima. 3—Mexican jumping. 4—Soy. 5—Wax. 6—Shell. 7—Pole. 8—Navy. 9—String. 10—Boston baked.

POSERS

DO YOU KNOW BEANS?

Did you ever try to guess the number of beans in a jar? Fun, isn't it? Well, see how many different kinds of beans you can find in this set of posers. Right on this page are the correct answers.

1. The name of a bean is also the name of a British breakfast dish.
2. A city in Ohio has the same name.
3. This surely is an active bean.
4. This bean is used for making plastics, glue, paint, and many other things.
5. This kind should be very much like a candle, but it isn't exactly a name.
6. These ought to grow around ammunition factories.
7. Robert Peary may have discovered something but not this bean.
8. Admirals should enjoy this kind.
9. Tie it around your finger, and you won't forget.
10. The way they eat them in Massachusetts.

HARD WORDS

Six words commonly misspelled contain six letters or less. They are: Eying, smoky, woolly, queue, truly and its (belonging to it). Another longer, but just as common word often missed, is picknicking.

Here's A Tip

If fingers become cramped from long hours of piano practice or hobby work, or any other work with fingers and hands—run cold water on your hands for a few minutes. The result is stimulating.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—13



The old professor and his dwarf servant are both so unwell that Rupert soon thinks he ought to go. The old man gives a queer smile as he bids him good-bye. "You've come to me with some odd ideas in your time, little bear," he says, "but this one is surely quite the oddest. Make the sun shine, indeed! It seems to me, much more like a conjuring trick." And with that Rupert has to be content as he leaves the house and makes his way back through the thick wood.

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A Hideout Visitor

By Fred Harman



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



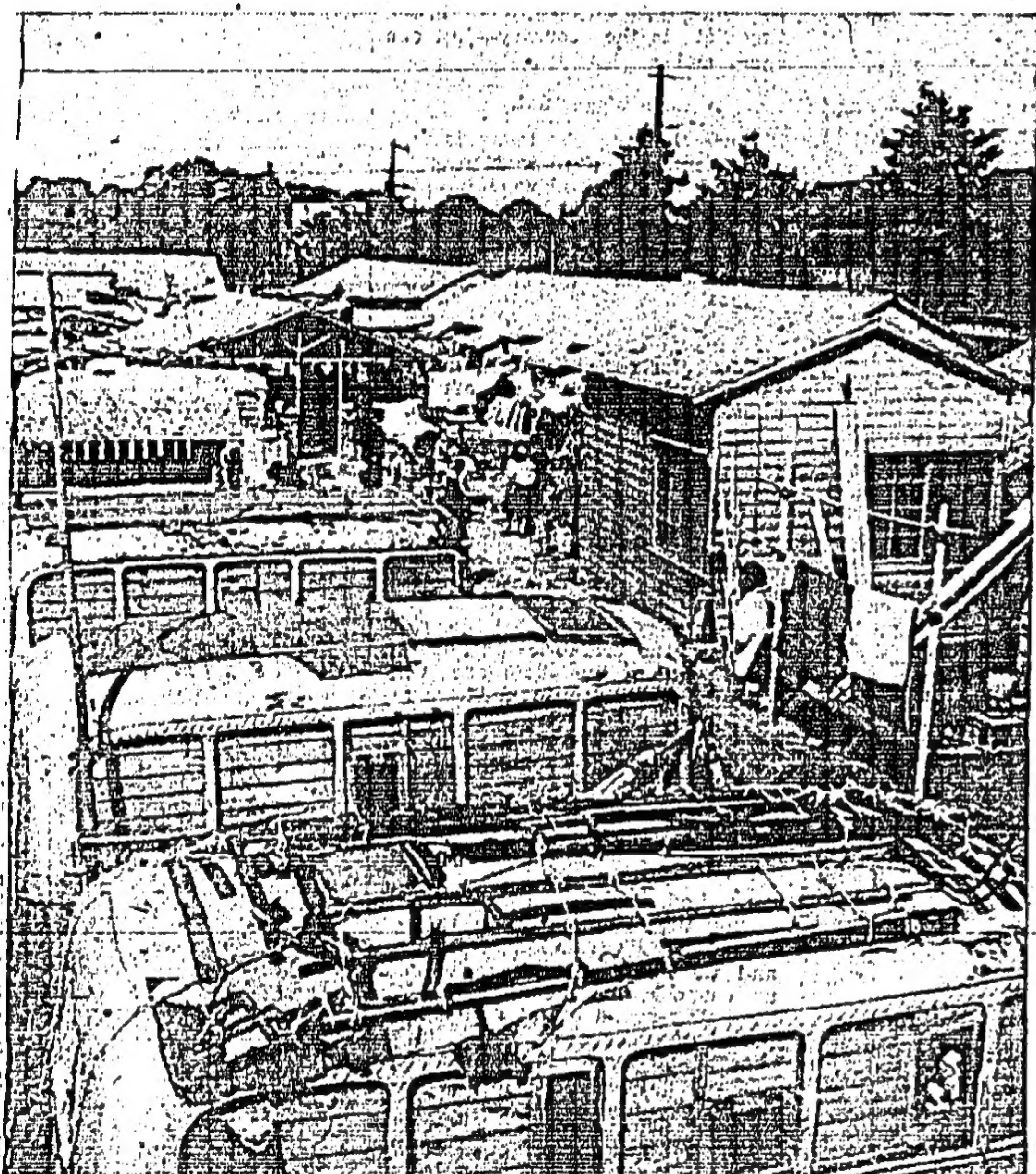
AS SURE AS A CALENDAR is this venerable souvenir vendor. A retired sea captain, he always begins his rounds of Amsterdam, Holland, selling his pinwheels at Easter time.



THE PALL OF WAR hangs over the Holy Land. Hero rescue workers search the ruins of buildings bombed during the fighting between Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem. At least 52 people died in this blast.



BELGIAN PRINCE—Prince Baudouin of Belgium watches a red hot rod passing through a bar mill at a steel plant in Pittsburgh. The Prince made an inspection tour of many mills and coal mines in the Pittsburgh district.



TOKYO'S BUS VILLAGE—Sixty-eight repatriated families in Tokyo solved their housing problem by converting burned bus bodies into small dwellings. In the ramshackle homes live 320 people. They have community markets, kitchens, laundries and baths.



E. R. P. PARLEY IN PARIS—In this ornate setting, delegates from the 16 nations who will directly benefit from the Marshall Plan—the European Recovery Programme—meet in Paris to lay plans for the rehabilitation of Western Europe.



AIR RAID SHELTER DEMOLISHED—This huge German air raid shelter in the French zone of Berlin was finally destroyed after an earlier attempt succeeded only in damaging one of the towers. It took 50 tons of dynamite to do the job, and the blast shook the area for blocks around.



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HELPFUL GIFT—Giuseppe D'Allo, 13-year-old disabled orphan of Cassino, Italy, shows a group of children at the Institute of San Michele in Rome the artificial leg he received as a gift during a trip to the United States. He was among a group of children who went to America under the sponsorship of the American Foster Parents Plan for War Children.



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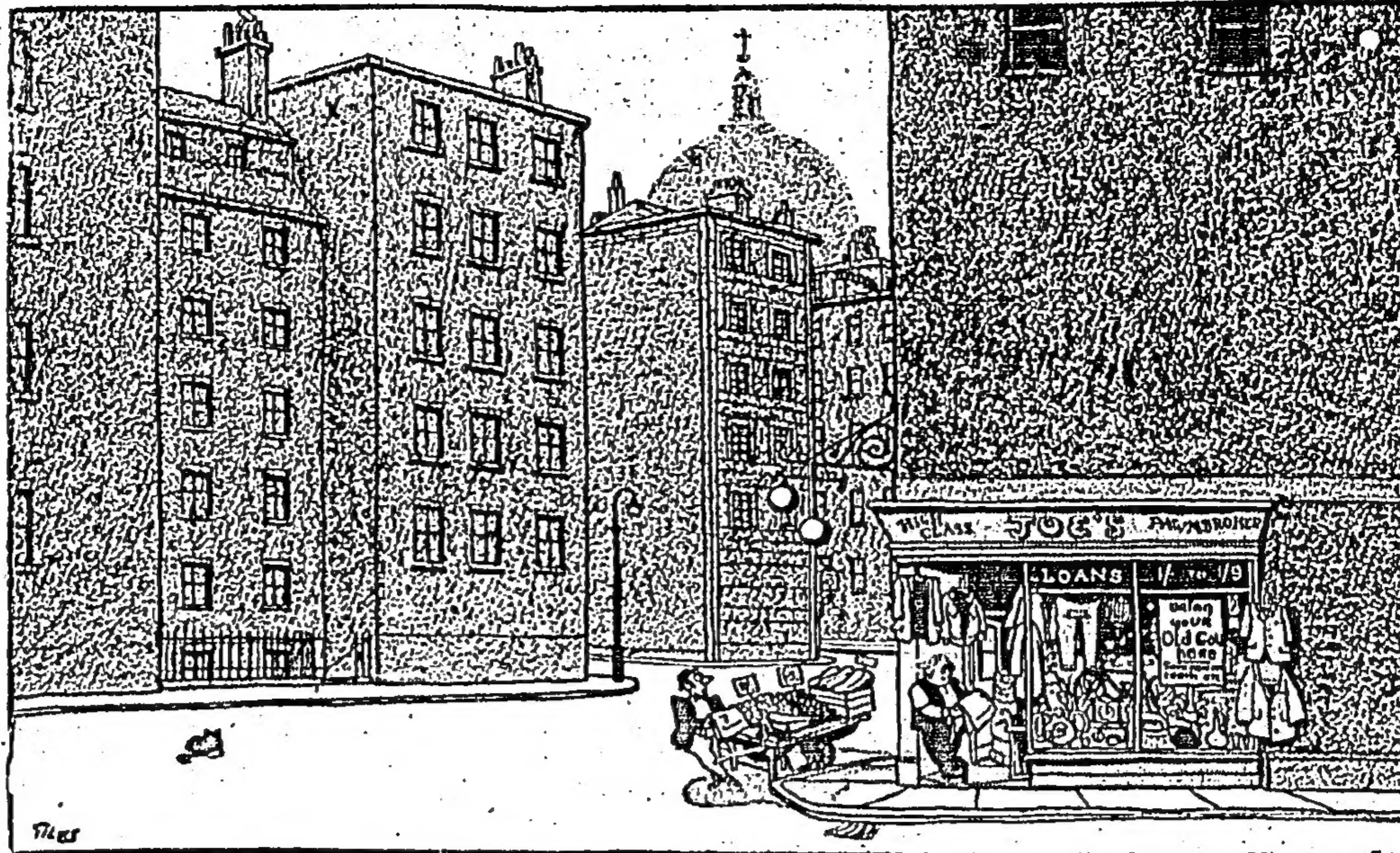
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AN ENGLISH GIRL VISITS NORWAY

KARL JOHAN'S GATE—Oslo's beautiful, avenue-like, main street—was bubbling over with life: large streamlined cars and rows of busy, pale-blue trams, shops full of nice clothes and food (I even saw rich, pre-war cream pastries in one window), and smart, attractive women everywhere. As far as I could see, Norway's capital showed no scars—no reminders of the recent war and Nazi occupation.

Oslo—like Stockholm and Helsinki—is a very modern town, with fine houses and large blocks of flats. In days gone by, nearly all the buildings were made of wood, and so whole parts of Oslo have periodically been burnt down and replaced by more and more modern houses. Now, they are mainly built of granite—rather artistically, with blue or yellow-painted balconies, lined with plenty of flower boxes.

The day after our arrival, we were all whisked off by our Norwegian hosts and guides to the international student camp at Milde—near Bergen—on the west coast. Here were the world-famous Norwegian fjords, with their hundreds of rocky islands, surrounded by mountains and vast woods of pine and birch trees. Perhaps it is this romantic scenery which helps to make the otherwise so level-headed and well-balanced Norwegians a little dreamy at times, and almost lyrically-minded: in my opinion, a really charming combination.

Children Of Nature

NORWEGIANS are genuine children of nature, and fundamentally dislike all big cities. (Even Oslo has only about 300,000 inhabitants.) Those who have to live in town manage to spend at least their summer week-ends and holidays in a country house, probably on a lonely little island.

Look, for instance, at Henken. His home is Bergen, and yet he spends the greater part of the summer either on the sea itself or on his snug little island—not far from our camp. Henken is a scientist—an oceanographer. So, in the fine weather, he, with his professor, and two of his assistants often go right out into the North Sea—as far as the Faeroes—to make their mea-

In Norway, as in most other European countries, the war—and the German occupation—has left many shortages in its train, notably of houses and food, but RUTH WALSHE, who recently visited the country, found that the level-headed, freedom-loving Norwegians were steadily solving their difficulties.

surements of the sea current, temperature, and so on. "Sometimes," Henken told me, "we are on the sea for ten days without landing anywhere. We have our own food with us, and manage quite all right. Then, in the winter, we do all our calculations and experiments."

One day Henken took me to his own little island. "This is our house," he said, pointing to a small wooden cottage, "and that one over there belongs to my aunts. That's all. My father himself planted all the pine trees you can see about twenty years ago. I helped him to make the paths, and my aunts are responsible for the flowers."

Rather Leftish

HENKEN—who loves swimming and skiing—is also very interested in Norwegian literature and politics. His views are rather leftish. "Tell me a little about your Parliament, Henken," I once asked him. "You have a purely Labour Government, haven't you?" "Yes. Out of 150 representatives there are seventy-six Social Democrats, eleven Communists, and thirty-three members of the Opposition: Conservatives, Liberals, Farmers' Party, and Christian People's Party."

"Oh, sure. There are altogether nine women in our Parliament. The woman representative in the Government is Mrs. Aslaug Aasland."

Our visits to Bergen—the second largest town of Norway—were very enjoyable. The town dates nearly 900 years back in history, and it is grouped artistically round its harbour which, unfortunately, is still badly damaged. This was mainly caused by the explosion of a German ammunition ship in 1944.

After the great fire of 1916, many modern houses and courts were built, and these form a strange contrast to Bergen's ancient Hanseatic houses, in narrow little backyards. The opposite roofs nearly touch each other, and there is a penetrating smell of fish everywhere—for, now, they are mainly used as fish warehouses and offices. Bergen has a university college, which will soon become a full university.

A slight well worth seeing in Bergen is the fish-market. Some of the fish to be sold is still alive, and you can just pick out the one you want. I often shook hands with the big, strong fishermen—with red,

weather-beaten faces, partly hidden by old, dirty caps. They live on the outskirts of the town, and some of them are supposed to be quite well off. They are great patriots, and during the war, many of them belonged to the underground movement, and were constantly watched by the Nazis—in order to prevent them from escaping to England.

Fish, Wood, Paper

"OUR life is pretty hard," a fisherman once told me. "Sometimes, during the season, we only get an average of two hours' sleep a night—for instance, after Christmas when the herring-season starts. Then, we go out in a whole fishing-fleet, and we form huge circles—to enclose the fish, which is caught in big, round nets."

Fish is one of the most important export-articles of Norway, and so are wood and paper. Ship-building is another vital branch, but through the very heavy losses during the war it has suffered severe blows which it will take time to recover from. As far as I could see, most branches of industry seem to be at pre-war level again—with the exception of the north of Norway. There, the devastation is still great.

When the Nazis knew that the game was up, they destroyed whole towns on their retreat before the advancing Russians, carrying off the entire populations with them. To build up these towns again will, no doubt, take many years. But the Norwegians have made headway.

Life In Camp

LIFE in our student camp in Milde was one long day of debates and talks with the Norwegians and all the other foreign students. We were housed in a beautiful, modern Folk High School.

During the six long winter months, about 100 young farmers—ranging from eighteen to forty years of age—study there: not farming, as you might assume, but all-round general knowledge. All students live in, and they only have to pay 25 a month—the school being subsidised by the state. Norway has altogether twenty of the Folk High Schools for farmers, and two for town workers.

The school in Milde was our home, where we spent a most wonderful fortnight. The food was excellent—and there was plenty of it. And Christian—the leader of

CUTTING A DIAMOND FOR THE PRINCESS

BY GERRY HILL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

IN a small unpretentious room in the centre of Hatton Garden four men are today cutting and polishing a diamond whose value one day will top that of the Hope diamond.

The diamond, a wedding present to Princess Elizabeth from the wealthy Canadian, Dr John Thorburn Williamson, was 64 carats in the rough and pale pink in colour when it reached this country. Today, a third of the way through the cutting process, the brilliant is 35 carats in weight, dirty and unimpressive to the casual observer, but to the expert—a stone unique in colour, size and perfection.

The cutting of a diamond the size of Princess Elizabeth's is a highly skilled and striking business. One slip in the angle of cutting would result in a loss of thousands of pounds. Only men with 25 years or more experience to their credit are allowed to handle such a stone. In order to yield the biggest stone possible, cutters have broken away from tradition, and completely revolutionised diamond cutting. For the first time in the history of large stone cutting, the entire cutting process from beginning to end is being done by polishing. A long and tedious job, which in the case of Elizabeth's stone will take three months.

If the cutters are successful, critics estimate the brilliant, 20 carats in size, each carat worth between £1,500 (\$6,000) and £2,000 (\$8,000), will rank as one of the world's great stones. The probable value of the Hope diamond is £1,000 (\$4,000) a carat.

"Not even Dr Williamson could have known the true value of the stone," commented one diamond expert.

HUNDRED RISKS

THERE are a hundred risks involved in diamond cutting. The most important factor is the choice of the shape and style of the diamond. Designs were submitted to Princess Elizabeth, each one accentuating one quality of the stone. Finally the Princess hit on the brilliant shape and the cutting began. Normally, the stone is at first hacked into a rough shape by saw but even this customary step was dispensed with and the job of polishing began. Slowly the dents were erased. The sharp angles were worked out with the aid of tools but the facets by eye. For six hours a day the cutters worked at the task. The work fell on two Belgians, Mr. J. K. Boudewys and Mr. J. Everaerts.

The diamond is held over a skive; a round machine like a phonograph turntable, by a lever which drops a special mixture of diamond dust and olive oil, cutters generally have their own formulae, is impregnated in the diamond is soon a mass of dirt and oil, an ugly looking rock. Not many people would guess that it is worth a small fortune.

SUCCESSFUL MINER

AT first experts feared the stone would change its colour as the rough was polished away, but fortunately this wasn't the case. A special mixture of diamond dust and olive oil, cutters generally have their own formulae, is impregnated in the diamond is soon a mass of dirt and oil, an ugly looking rock. Not many people would guess that it is worth a small fortune.

Visitors outside the diamond industry are few and far between. Princess Elizabeth spent an hour and a half visiting the cutting room. Cutters on other stones looked up for a moment and then continued on their respective jobs. No special police precautions are taken. At night the brilliant is locked up with their precious and semi-precious stones in a safe.

No one knows what the Princess will do with her diamond. Whether or not she will use it in a pendant or piece of personal jewellery or part of it in one of Buckingham Palace's show cases, remains to be seen. But from May 3 onwards the precious stone will be on view to the public at the British Industries Fair in London.

The man who gave the brilliant to Princess Elizabeth was nicknamed "White Man with No Luck" till 1941 when his luck changed with the discovery of the Tanganyika mine. Soon after he was offered 20 million dollars for his "find" but he laughingly refused saying, "What the Hell could I do with all that money?"

More like a professional gambler than a successful miner, Dr. Williamson is often likened to Ronald Colman. But unlike Ronald Colman he has remained a bachelor—till now.

Prices High

FRU OTTSEN told me that there are plenty of clothes now, and, although everything is rationed, shopkeepers do not always ask for coupons. But prices are very high: a ready-made dress costs £12 10s. and coats vary from £15 to £20. I noticed that Norwegian women dress well and simply, and use very little make-up.

Fru Ottosen was a student of French before she got married, and she is still intending to finish her studies some time later on. Now, she is busy knitting her baby's outfit. Wool and "nappkins" are rationed, she told me, but there will be enough.

Only since the war did the world fully realise what a brave, democratic, and freedom-loving people the Norwegians are. Perhaps the greatest compliment I can pay them is the fact that all the time I was in Norway I felt absolutely at home.

NANCY That Proves It



Sequel To Hawker Raid

Magistrate Orders Investigation

At Central this morning, Mr Clifford ordered an investigation into an allegation that a coolie of the Sanitary Department had seized \$40 from a fish hawkler during a raid in Wanchai.

Health Inspector Fox told the magistrate that he was present at the raid on Thursday and did not see any money being taken. It was usual for hawklers to make such allegations as they would stop at nothing to retaliate the Sanitary Department coolies who arrested them. It was the practice to seize the goods and not money from these hawklers as money was considered their personal property. As soon as a raid commenced the hawklers threw their money to friends, hoping to escape.

"It is not impossible," said Mr Clifford speaking of the allegation which Mr Fox promised to look into.

He sentenced three of the fish hawklers, Li Hung, 25, King Chow, 30, and Keung Chai, 45, to two months for selling food in a place other than the market. The accused Tang Oi, 24, was given 10 weeks as he had a similar previous conviction and another for resisting arrest. Li said he had \$40 taken from his pocket.

Mr Fox said that it was an organised gang of 65 hawklers who persistently sold their fish and shellfish in that area. The syndicate paid for any fines imposed and had men on bicycles to warn the hawklers of the approach of the Health Inspectors.

Mr Clifford announced that from today there would be no option of a fine for similar offences.

No Tennis Today

To-day's matches in the Colony Open Tennis Championships will not be played owing to rain and have been postponed until Monday.

Monday's programme is postponed to Tuesday and the whole of the fixtures for the rest of the week are being moved a day later.

The weekend games in the HKCC Handicap Tournament are also being postponed to next weekend.

"Rotten Form Of Fraud"

Fines of \$200 or a month were imposed on two ticket scalpers this morning at Central by Mr Clifford who termed their offence as "a rotten form of fraud on the public."

Inspector Brownlie said Au Ping, 19, was arrested for selling tickets valued at \$1.20 each for \$1.50 at the Oriental Theatre on Thursday. He had nine tickets and 80 cents on him. Tam Keung, arrested on the same day, sold Oriental Theatre tickets valued at 70 cents for \$1 and was in possession of three tickets and \$2.40.

Mr Clifford ordered the money found on the accused to the Poor Box.

THIEF SPOTTED BY POLICE

Tsang Wan, 36, unemployed, with two previous convictions for larceny was sentenced to one year hard labour by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to attempted larceny from a Chinese on Thursday.

SI Howarth said about 10.15 a.m. on Thursday at Canton Road, defendant attempted to extract a fountain pen from a Chinese, but was observed by two policemen nearby and arrested.

Tsang was also recommended for deportation.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST WOMEN

Two married women, charged with procuring a miscarriage by unlawfully using instruments on Li Pui-wan in Cheung Sha Wan Road on March 25, were remanded for three days by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

Stole Firewood

Pleading guilty to stealing 1,040 lbs of firewood from a Government store lighter yesterday, Liu Yik, 25, employed as a cook on board the vessel, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

SI Howarth said the firewood was stolen during the fifth hour and hidden in the engine room.

Lau Hung, 25, itinerant marine hawkler, and Li San, 42, unemployed, charged with unlawful possession of two mortar shells before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning, were remanded for three days in Police custody on the application of SI Howarth.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Company Secretary Objects Being Called As Tribunal Witness

ALEXANDRA BUILDING DISPUTE

A protest against being called to give evidence because he felt it was very unfair for an interested party to give evidence for one side or the other was made by Mr B. C. Field, Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., during the hearing of a tenancy dispute before Mr D. L. Strellett, sitting as a Tenancy Tribunal, this morning.

Mr Field added that he hoped the procedure would not be continued as it would mean his spending the whole time in Court instead of on his job.

The tenancy dispute concerned an application for an eviction order by Messrs Mackintosh's, Ltd., against L. Mercado (Mayo Shoppe) and Mrs Kovach from Shop 7C Alexandra Building.

Mr J. T. Prior, instructed by Mr J. T. Prior, appeared for the applicants, and Mr Brook A. Ben-nacchi, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, was for the opponents.

Mr Wright said that at the outbreak of the Pacific War, Mackintosh's were the tenants of two shops in Alexandra Building, 7B and 7C, the owners of which were Hongkong Land Investment. On the occupation of the Colony, Mr Mackintosh, the managing director of Mackintosh's, Ltd., was interned in Stanley and the other directors and the rest of the European staff were prisoners of war at Shamsulpo camp.

Prior to the war, Mr Mercado carried on business in No. 1 South Arcade, Gloucester Building. On or about September 4, 1945, Mr Meyer, director of Mackintosh's, was released from camp and he released Mr Mercado and Mrs Kovach sharing Shop 7C and using Mackintosh's fixtures and fittings. Mr Meyer at once had two types of notices printed; one which said "Premises belong to Mackintosh's Ltd" he put up on both shops, and the other which stated "Property of Mackintosh's" he fixed on various fixtures and fittings. This was done with the permission of Mr Mercado.

At this time, Mr Wright contended there was no possibility of Mackintosh's resuming business immediately owing to complete lack of stock and the fact that all the staff required leave at home to recuperate after internment. However, Mr Meyer had discussions with Mr Field, Secretary of Hongkong Land Investment, and as a result of that Mr Field gave the opponents a temporary monthly tenancy for No. 7C.

Mr Wright pointed out that it would be established by evidence that the opponents knew and agreed that the tenancy would terminate when the applicants returned to the Colony to commence business. Mr Meyer would say that he had frequent conversations with Mr Mercado, with whom he was on friendly terms, and that he had made it quite clear that Mackintosh's Ltd were going to restart later and that they would require the entire premises of 7B and 7C.

On October 4, 1945, Mr Meyer departed for England and did not return until July 25, 1946. Before Mr Meyer left, Mrs Kovach approached him and alleged that Mr Mackintosh had assured her that she would be granted a tenancy of a small portion in 7C. Mr Meyer would say that he told Mrs Kovach in no uncertain terms that Mr Mackintosh required the whole of the premises and that she could not expect to acquire any portion of them.

On the day following the return of Mr Meyer, notice to quit was given to the opponents by Mr Field. At the expiration of the period specified in the notice to quit—August 31, 1946—the opponents became statutory tenants and the case for the applicants was that they remained as such up to the present time. As a result of an agreement between Mr Field and Mr Meyer, Mackintosh's then took over the tenancy of the premises on a monthly basis from September 1, 1946, subject to the statutory tenancy of the opponents. The reason for the agreement was that Mackintosh's pre-war tenancy had expired during the occupation and on re-occupation they had no tenancy but were just staking out their claim.

INTENTIONS NEVER ALTERED Mr Mercado, by his letter of August 21, 1946, signified his agreement to deal direct with the applicants, said Mr Wright, who maintained that it was clear from the subsequently correspondence between the three parties that Mackintosh's

never for a moment altered their intention about acquiring the entire premises for their business.

When the opponents failed to vacate as a result of the notice to quit, a complete deadlock was reached because under the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation, the applications could not get them out, Mackintosh's had to pay the rent for the entire premises to the owners and continued to collect rent from the opponents which they were quite entitled to do without allowing any of their rights under the original agreement.

Mr Wright concluded by claiming that his clients were entitled to an eviction order under Section 18 (f) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance which stipulated that the occupant should vacate the premises on the return of the former tenants.

Before taking the oath, Mr Field, who appeared on subpoena, said that he was somewhat prejudiced in the case in that he was representing the landlords and had very strong personal opinion as to fairness, quite apart from the legal aspects. Besides, apart from the written evidence, everything else was based upon memory of some two years or so and during a very good time.

HAD TO BE CALLED

Mr Wright pointed out that Mr Field had to be called and that it could not be helped if Mr Field's memory did not serve him.

In answer to Mr Wright, Mr Field said that the principal tenants of the premises were actually Messrs A. S. Watson and Co. When he left Shamsulpo POW camp on August 31, 1945, he noticed that Mayo's Shoppe was occupying No. 7C, while the whole of No. 7B was locked up. Mayo's Shoppe was on the premises without the previous knowledge or permission of the landlords.

On September 19, 1945, Mr Mercado wrote to him asking for permission to re-occupy his former premises in Gloucester Building to which he replied he could not because of certain difficulties.

Mr Wright: Were they good tenants?

Mr Bernacchi: I don't think that is quite material.

Mr Strellett: What standard are we to put on that?

Mr Wright: The payment of rent for instance. It may show the reason why Mr Field was not keen to let him re-occupy...

NOT SO SIMPLE

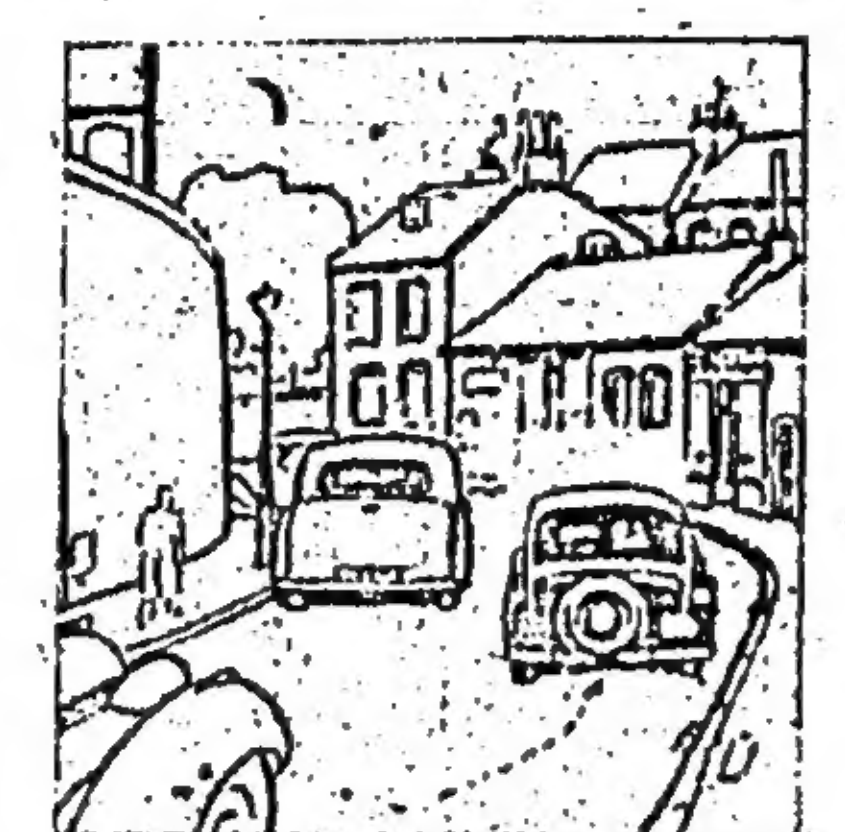
Mr Field: This tenancy question is not quite so simple as all that. There are all kinds of considerations. They might have been good tenants as regards Alexandra Building and they might not have been good tenants in Gloucester Building because it was not suitable for their type of business, so I think it is immaterial.

On October 1, 1945, Mr Field then went on to say, he wrote to the manager of Mayo's Shoppe offering them a tenancy, at the same time pointing out that the former tenants did not wish to resume occupation for some few months. Prior to this, he was quite aware that Mackintosh's wanted the premises back.

"I decided to be fair to all parties concerned in the light of the conditions then prevailing, irrespective of what happened before the war," said Mr Field, "and when I offered Mr Mercado the monthly tenancy, I did know there would be any restrictions on the usual effect of such tenancy in regard to notice, etc. I had in mind that this monthly tenancy could be terminated in due course when Mackintosh's were free to come back, but there was no definite commitment to Mackintosh's as I was anxious to help everybody as much as possible and, in fairness, I must say I never contemplated turning Mayo's into the streets."

Mr Field said that the offer that the offer to Mr Mercado was dependent on Mackintosh's requirements, not that I did commit myself definitely to Mackintosh's as they might go into liquidation. However,

ROAD SENSE... (13)



The driver of the car on the right is not at fault this time; he is forced to pass this car foolishly parked on a bend.

Water Shortage Leads To Fight

Due to the scarcity of water supply in the farming district in Salkung, a fight took place between two men for the precious liquid.

The two women were relatives and when 51-year-old Wong Ah-tai was collecting water from a stream just under the field belonging to Lee, a quarrel ensued and ended in a fight. Lee hit the aged woman with a bowl causing injuries to her head.

Charged with common assault before Mr Latimer this morning, Lee was fined \$50.

Alleged Failure To Report Death

Four villagers from Salkung were charged before Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning with concealment of death.

The defendants, Leung Mui, a 25-year-old married woman, Cheung Ying, Cheung Shing and Wong Choi, shipwrights, residing at 11, Hoi Pang Street, were alleged to have failed to notify the authority the death of a 3-year-old girl on Thursday.

The four defendants were remanded for three days on the application of Inspector Gillies.

Bishop Afflicted With Eye Disease

London, Apr. 15.—The Right Reverend Francis Smeeton, 64-year-old Bishop of Labuan and Sarawak, has told the Archbishop of Canterbury that he must resign because of disease of the eye.

Doctors have warned him that he could not return to the tropics without the grave risk of going blind.

The bishop, who has held his post for 10 years, was interned by the Japanese during the war for nearly four years.—Reuter.

90 YEAR OLD REPORTER DIES

London, Apr. 15.—Sir Alexander Mackintosh, 90, for 57 years a Parliamentary correspondent, died today.

This year excepted, he had reported every budget message to the House of Commons since that delivered by Gladstone in 1801. Sir Alexander reported for a number of British papers, principally the Liverpool Post.—Associated Press.

I did have Mackintosh's requirements at the back of my mind."

Continuing, Mr Field said that on September 19, 1945, Mr Meyer told him that he would like the Hongkong Land Investment to let the premises temporarily to other people and to let him arrange with the occupants for the use of the show cases etc.

The case is proceeding.

OPponents' PLEADINGS

The case for the opponents, according to the pleadings filed, was a denial that the tenancy was terminable by one month's notice on the applicants requiring their former premises for their business; alternatively, if the agreement did contain such term, it was in law and in fact superseded by a later agreement whereby the opponents became the tenants of the applicants. The opponents further pleaded that no hardship would be caused to the applicants by already having sufficient accommodation, while on the other hand eviction of the opponents would result in their being driven out of business and deprived of their means of livelihood.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC CHARTER

Ready For Signing

Paris, Apr. 15.—Experts of the 16 Marshall Plan nations today completed the draft Charter for a permanent organisation of European economic co-operation, ready for its signing by the plenary session of the Conference delegates tomorrow.

The new organisation, to administer the Marshall Plan aid, will consist of a Council, a plenary gathering of all the member countries—an Executive Committee, with working subcommittees, and a Secretariat.

One of the Charter clauses agreed today pledges the signatories to work for the reduction of tariff barriers and other obstacles to multilateral trading, in accordance with the principles of the Havana Trade Charter.

All decisions of the new organisation will be taken by mutual agreement—that is to say, without voting. The possibility of a veto is understood to be "avoided by a clause which says abstention of any member shall not make a decision invalid."

BENELUX MEETING

Any member, it is understood, is entitled to take part in the discussion and decisions of the Executive Committee of seven on any subject specially affecting its interests, even if it is not a member of the Executive Committee at the time.

After the Conference of the Marshall Plan nations has closed down tomorrow, the five Western Union nations—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—will meet here to discuss "questions relating to the Consultative Council of the Alliance," British and French official spokesmen confirmed today.

The Foreign Ministers of all five powers, except Belgium—who in the absence of M. Paul Henri Spaak in the United States, will be represented by the acting Foreign Minister—will attend the meeting.

HEADQUARTERS ISSUE

From the outset of the five-power talks in Brussels, that led to the "Brussels Pact," the Benelux delegation has favoured Brussels as the seat of the new Council.

Closely connected with the face of France's preference for Paris and the practical considerations relating to the defence aspects of the Alliance which point to London as the best home for the headquarters, the Benelux delegation is now adding that there should be a division of labour among the three capitals.

Thus, some of the Benelux delegates suggested that a branch of the Council concerned with defence problems of the new Union should work in London, another branch dealing with economic issues should be set up in Brussels, while political questions should be concentrated in Paris.

Baron Hervé de Gruyten, Secretary-General of the Belgian Foreign Office and Belgium's chief delegate to the recent London talks on Western Germany, will arrive here tonight for the five-power talks.—Reuter.

RUHR COAL DEBTS

Essen, Apr. 15.—More than £7,500,000 are owed to the British and American Military Governments in Germany by Western and Central European countries for coal imports from the Ruhr, the joint British-United States Coal Board disclosed today.

Denmark, which was stated not to have paid for her coal imports "for months," now owes approximately £3,750,000, it was stated. Greece was stated to be five months behind with an outstanding bill of about £500,000.

Other countries were only one or two months behind the payments. It was stated, and most of the balance of the £7,500,000 outstanding bill was composed of accounts that should have been settled at the end of March. France, the Coal Board declared, is "one of the best payers so far as coal imports are concerned," with little money outstanding.—Reuter.

He Carried Opium

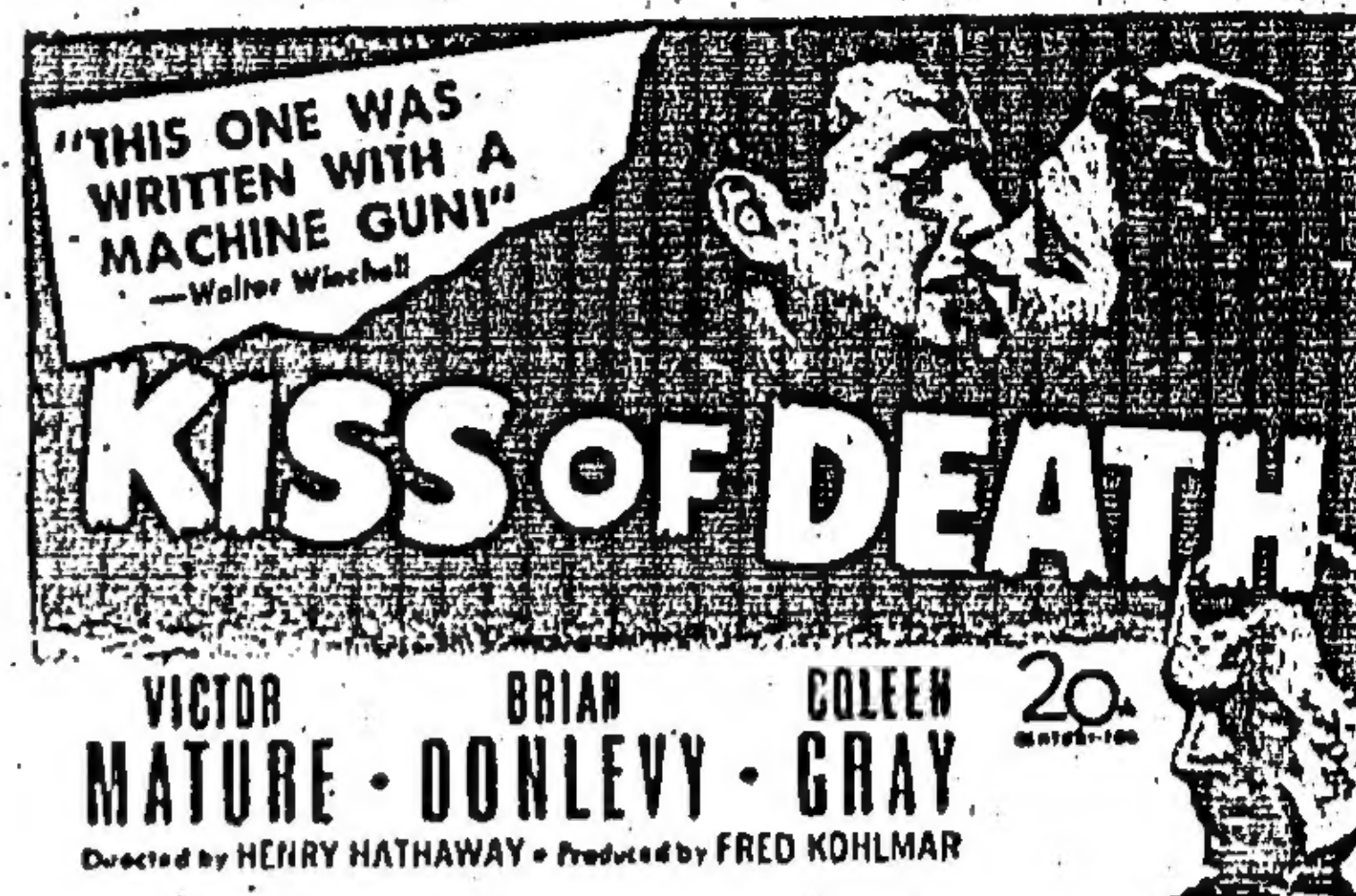
Arrested at the KCR station on Thursday with five bags of raw opium on his person, Ching Him-mah, unemployed, was fined \$300 or two months by Mr Latimer this morning.

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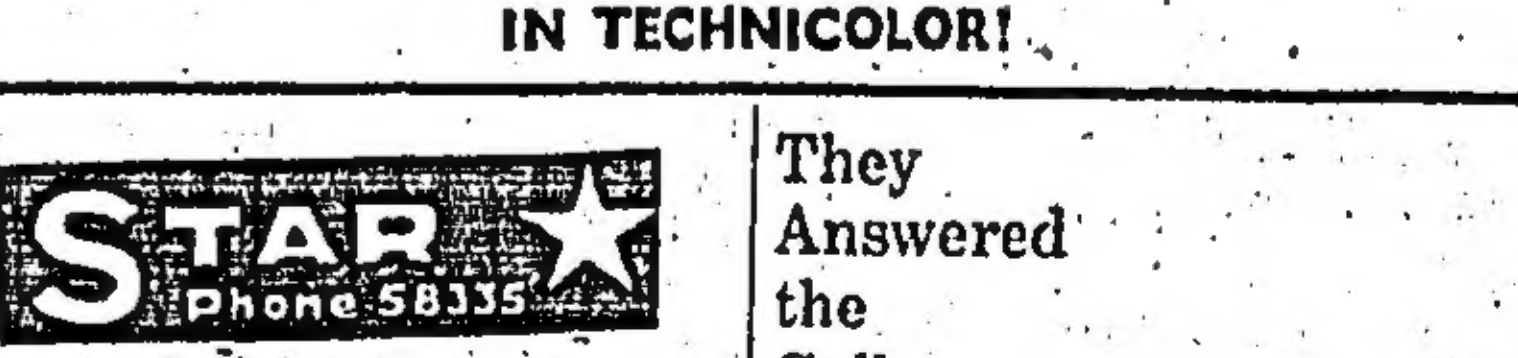


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The master of a small Class IV boat was fined \$10 or two days by Mr Collins at the Marine Court yesterday for failing to produce his licence with called upon to do so. Defendant pleaded that he had taken the licence to the shop to collect the rice ration, and had then left the licence on board the houseboat.

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SPORTS NEWS

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLOSE FIRST GAME BUT LOW IS STEADY

Feature of last night's matches in the Colony Badminton Open Championships was the struggle put up by the Chinese YMCA player, T. S. (Ramon) Young against University's Low Keat Soo, seeded in the Senior Singles and favourite for the Championship.

Low was only slightly off form while Young was at his best and proceeded with brilliant smashing to jump into a 9-3 lead in the first game. He was in top form through the first three-quarters of the match and the result can only serve as a reflection of the fact that it will be a tough job for anyone to take Low's measure.

The University player steadied up to bring the score to 13-all and led 3-0 in the five up when Young again challenged to tie at 3-all. Low took the next two aces for game.

In the second game, Young started well and led 5-4 but began to fumble his shots and might as Low proceeded to pile on the pressure, winning 10 points in a row, inclusive of a streak of six aces on one service. Young slaved off match point for a while but went down finally 18-10, 15-7.

GONSALVES STEADY

The Mixed Doubles match between the KCC pair of W. Gillies and Mrs. Anderson and Recreio's H. F. Gonsalves and Mrs. C. Rodrigues was a thriller, all the way, going to three sets.

Standard of play was not particularly high but Gonsalves was in his usual fine doubles form, doing a first grade job of backing up his partner and retrieving difficult shots with a steadiness that did not falter at any stage.

Down 2-5 in the first game, Gonsalves and Mrs. Rodrigues caught up easily and went on to lead 14-8 before the KCC pair rallied to 12-14. Game point involved a struggle but Mrs. Rodrigues took it when Gillies fumbled the return.

In the second game Gillies and Mrs. Anderson had it all their own way winning at 15-8 and led at 11-4 in the third when Gonsalves put up a sparkling display to catch up to 11-12 on one service. Low took the next four aces in a row.

Mrs. Anderson, who is a newcomer to the game, did fairly well except for bad fumbles that came at the rate of one in four with the more difficult returns. Her developed conception of strategy and a fair service for a beginner were assets on which the combination scored.

Gillies was not at his best, though not very much off it. Mrs. Rodrigues was sound at the net but a poor retriever.

JUNIORS SHOW FORM

Kowloon Tong's M. C. Hung and C. H. Ngan went down to the combination of D. C. Lam (Chinese YMCA) and K. Y. Tam (Sing Tao) but the score of 15-12, 15-8 against them looks more one-sided than it was.

Both Hung and Ngan played in fine form for Junior standard and smashed and retrieved with accuracy and sound judgment. Their opponents were just as good and the match saw some fine volleying, neat placing and neater killing.

The Kowloon Tong pair did not combine as well as their opponents and this lack of understanding cost them the match.

THE RESULTS

Scores in last night's games were: Men's Senior Singles—Low Keat Soo (University) beat T. S. Young (Chinese YMCA) 18-10, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles—W. Gillies and Mrs. Anderson (KCC) beat H. F. Gonsalves and Mrs. C. Rodrigues (Recreio) 12-15, 15-6, 15-11.

Junior Men's Singles—Thong Kuo-sin beat W. K. Ying (Chinese YMCA) 15-0, 15-0. S. Saul (KCC) beat P. L. S. Wong (Kowloon Tong) 15-0, 15-2.

Junior Men's Doubles—D. C. Lam (Chinese YMCA) and K. Y. Tam (Sing Tao) beat M. C. Hung and C. H. Ngan (Kowloon Tong) 15-12, 15-8.

TONIGHT'S MATCHES

To-night's matches, to be played at the Hongkong University Gymnasium, are:

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) A. D. Brown & J. A. Soares v. W. C. Chung & S. H. Leung.
8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) W. F. Foo v. W. Gillies.
9.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) R. Tay v. S. Saul.
9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) J. A. Motta & R. M. Soares v. A. Bayot & F. M. Ribeiro.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) A. L. Fisher v. M. Kempton.

CZECHS DECLINE

London, Apr. 15.—The Czechoslovak Lawn Tennis Federation has declined an invitation to send its Davis cup stars, Jaroslav Drobny, Vladimir Cerny to compete in the British hard courts championships on April 20-May 1. The Czechs gave no reason.

The British offered to pay expenses. The tournament seldom draws a large entry from abroad.—Associated Press.

COLONY TENNIS

Tourney Reaches Quarter-Final Stage Today

Three pairs entered the quarter-final of the Colony Open Doubles Championship at the HKCC yesterday in an evening that produced very little good tennis.

Kenneth and Thomas Lo were in their usual fine doubles form and won their easiest match in the tournament at 6-3, 6-1. Their hardest game, strangely, came in the first round when they met Choy Tin-fook and Choy Tin-wah who took them to three sets.

They met J. B. Gonsalves and W. A. Reed today in the quarter-final round and should win in straight sets. The Recreio pair did not impress in winning from Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung yesterday by the close score of 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

Luk was a shade better than the other three players on the court, between whom there was little to choose. Had he played a more aggressive than rollicking game, the result of the match could have easily been reversed.

Gonsalves and Reed will have to combine much better today if they are to take more than three games in either set.

Even more mediocre was the third game on the evening's programme that saw Lee Chun-kit and Y. Y. Lam win 6-3, 6-3 from L. Kotewall and F. Zimmermann.

THE RESULTS

Yesterday's scores were: Kenneth and Thomas Lo beat Chui Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing 6-3, 6-1.

J. B. Gonsalves and W. A. Reed beat Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

Lee Chun-kit and Y. Y. Lam beat L. Kotewall and F. Zimmermann 6-3, 6-3.

TODAY'S MATCHES

The Stand Court attraction this evening will be Lee Wai-tong and P. T. Hsu against K. H. Ip, the reigning Colony Open Singles Champion, and Paul Kong, veteran Chinese Davis Cup player. The latter pair hold the edge but Lee and Hsu could put up a good fight. A.D. Humphreys will umpire.

Other games today are: Dr. A. M. Rodrigues and H. A. Noronha v. Lee Chun-kit and Y. Y. Lam (Court 3. T. A. Pearce, Umpire).

Thomas Lo and Kenneth Lo v. J. B. Gonsalves and W. Reed (Court 4. C. W. L. Way, Umpire).

TENNIS LEAGUE

Entries for the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association League closed yesterday evening with only one further entry being received.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Club will be playing in "A" Division, bringing the number of premier league entries to 11.

There are 12 entries in "B" Division and six each in the Mixed Doubles and Ladies' Doubles.

The draw for the league fixtures will be ready some time next week. The first league games will be played on May 24.

Title Chess Game Postponed

London, Apr. 15.—The match between Samuel Reshevsky and Paul Keres, in the world chess championship, did not take place as arranged for Thursday as Reshevsky was ill when the thirteenth round of the tournament began in Moscow. Moscow radio announcing this in a report, which was heard in London, by the Soviet monitor, said the Smyslov-Reshevsky game started as scheduled.—Associated Press.

GIANT BITES THE DUST



Willard Marshall, centre, of the New York Giants, hits the dust in an attempt to score during a game with the Cleveland Indians in Los Angeles, but catcher Joe Tipton, right, tags him out. Indians won 6-5.

BASEBALL

By JOE REICHLER

BOSTON BRAVES FAVOURED FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Apr. 14.—Billy Southworth, Manager of the National League's Boston Braves, is in an enviable spot for the coming big league baseball battles.

While Leo Durocher of the defending champion, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Eddie Dyer of last season's runner-up, St. Louis Cardinals, are busy watching each other, the canny Southworth is in position to sneak past them to give his Braves their first pennant in 34 years.

There is no doubt the Braves are an improved club over the 1947 third players. They definitely are rated as the "dark horse" for the National League pennant. They may not make it, but are almost certain to be a strong factor in the race.

Not only are the Dodgers and Cardinals in danger of being bypassed by the Braves, but may find themselves looking up to the heels of the heavy hitting New York Giants.

In fact, after touring the Florida regions with most of the clubs for a month, this observer believes that the Dodgers will be hard pressed to stave off Cincinnati's bid for a first division berth.

Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago should engage in a wild scramble to stay out of the cellar. The misnamed Cubs, with their aging players, might gain that dubious honour.

In our opinion, the National League race shapes up like this: First, Boston. Second, New York. Third, St. Louis. Fourth, Brooklyn. Fifth, Cincinnati. Sixth, Pittsburgh. Seven, Philadelphia. Eighth, Chicago.

Southworth, a keen inspirational manager, is probably the greatest handler of ball players today. His pitching staff may be the best in the League. He thinks Warren Spahn and Johnny Sain, 21-game winners last year, will be even better this season.

The Braves have a vastly improved keystone combination. Second baseman Ed Stanky and rookie shortstop Alvin Dark figure to be much stronger this year as a double play combination.—Associated Press.

Sports Equipment Exhibit At BIF

Steel bows and arrows, steel fishing rods, steel sporting equipment of all kinds—these interesting new features in sports equipment may be seen by the visitor to the British Industries Fair, which is being held in London and Birmingham from May 3 to May 14.

Tubular steel salmon and trout fly rods, salmon and trout spinning rods, sea rods and bottom fishing rods will be among the exhibits.

Also on view will be tubular archery equipment that will include bows, light alloy arrows and ground quivers. It is expected that many competitors will be using tubular light alloy archery equipment at the International Archery Meeting at Dulwich, London, this year.

Other exhibits will be tubular ski-stick shafts such as were used by the British Team in the Olympic Games in Switzerland this year and tubular javelins, which will also be demonstrated at the Olympic Games.

COLONY CHESS

QUALIFYING ROUNDS OVER

K. M. A. Barnett, Colony Champion in 1940, qualified for the final of this year's Open Championship last night by winning the second game of his play-off against Arthur Gomes.

Barnett, having the black pieces, played the Budapest Defence. Gomes accepted the gambit and started a series of exchanges that culminated in an end-game position being reached of two rooks and five pawns.

Positionally slightly inferior, Gomes still had a fairly equal game but committed himself to a bad error that lost a rook.

The game ended the preliminary rounds and decided the sixth and last finalist.

The players for the final tournament in the order of the draw are: Ray Danenberg, J. F. de Carvalho, F. X. Sequeira, L. Schure, P. K. Prokopov and K. M. A. Barnett.

The first games of the final tournament, which will be a double-round affair, commence on Thursday, April 22, at the Peninsula Hotel. The opening games will be Danenberg v. Carvalho, Prokopov v. Sequeira and Barnett v. Schure.

Of the six finalists, Barnett alone is a qualified Senior player. Of the other five, Sequeira only has ever been in the prize-winning bracket, being joint runner-up in the Kowloon Chess Club Intermediate Tournament 1940/47.

Three recognised Seniors were eliminated in the qualifying rounds.



VICTORIA CLUB CALLOVER

'My Babu' Favourite For 2,000 Guineas

London, Apr. 15.—Following his brilliant win at Newmarket today My Babu was made favourite at 2 to 1 for the Two Thousand Guineas when the card was called over at the Victoria Club tonight. My Babu was first offered at 5 to 2 and after support this price was cut by half a point.

The Cobbler, who had superseded My Babu as favourite at the previous callover, was second favourite at 7 to 2 taken and offered. Pride of India, second to My Babu in today's race, drifted a couple of points.

Fifteen horses were offered, but the only other backed was Birthday Greetings, whose price remained unaltered at 8 to 1.

My Babu's price for the Derby was cut to 6 to 1. He was backed at 13 to 2. Birthday Greetings and Papist were the only others supported for the Epsom race.

Price for the Two Thousand Guineas—2 to 1 My Babu offered, 5 to 2 taken. 7 to 2 The Cobbler, 8 to 1 Birthday Greetings, taken and offered, 10 to 1 Pride of India offered, 100 to 0 taken, 100 to 7 Julian, 20 to 1 Djeddah, both offered, 25 to 1 Fair Judgment taken and offered, 25 to 1 Straight Play, 33 to 1 Royal Drake, 40 to 1 Djerid and Hyperbole, all offered, 50 to 1 Usher taken and offered, 60 to 1 Captain Fox, 66 to 1 The Senator, Blue Mickey, both offered.

Derby—6 to 1 against My Babu offered, 13 to 2 taken, 10 to 1 Black Tarquin, 100 to 8 Pride of India, The Cobbler, both offered, 18 to 1 Birthday Greetings offered, 20 to 1 taken, 20 to 1 Straight Play, 25 to 1 Julian, Black Pompey, Hoyalake, 33 to 1 Ottoman, 40 to 1 The Senator, 50 to 1 Captain Fox, Usher and Blue Mickey, all offered, 66 to 1 Papist taken and offered.—Reuter.



GOLF

Van Donck Just Fails

Moor Park, Hertfordshire, Apr. 15.—A late finisher with a round of 69, Florij Van Donck, Belgian professional, just failed to bring off a surprise win in the £1,250 Silver King professional golf tournament.

He finished with a 72-hole aggregate of 284, and only bad luck at the last hole, where his second shot stopped on the very lip of the cup, prevented him sharing in a triple tie with the British Internationals, Charles Ward and James Adams, who each finished with 283.

The scores of the leaders were:

Ward, 60, 72, 68, 74, total 283, Adams 75, 67, 69, 72, total 283. Van Donck and Dal Rics, the British Rider Cup player, 284; Arthur Lacey and Alfred Padgham 285. Laurie Ayton, of Worthing, held his tee at the 162-yards third hole in the third round today.—Reuter.

FOOTBALL SCORES

London, Apr. 15.—The following were the results of football games played today:

Third Division, Southern
Notts County 0 Ipswich Town 1
Walsall 1 Torquay Utd. 0.—Reuter.



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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

BORN today, you are an individual who very nearly approaches genius but also one who, unless properly disciplined, may dissipate your talents and mislead you. You are a person who is right of birth. You are seldom, if ever, satisfied with things as they are. No matter how perfect by someone else's standards, you will want to make a change. Live up to your highest ideals to gain success.

You are a firm believer in justice—but in a justice as seen from your point of view. You are always ready and willing to help the needy and your generosity often permits the unscrupulous to impose upon your good nature. But if you believe in a person's need, you are blinded to anything else and cannot be persuaded otherwise. This blind loyalty is a fine characteristic but it can be carried to a point where it becomes unnecessary self-abnegation. You women are inclined more in this direction and should watch it!

You have a rather restless, roving disposition and are ordinarily fond of the sea. You probably will be happiest if you live within sight and smell of salt water. There appears to be something in the continual restlessness of the water that gives release to your own restlessness and leaves your energies free for other things.

Take care in the selection of your close associates, for it is easy for you to form habits of riotous living which, once begun seem difficult to break. When it comes to those you love, you are, by nature, rather possessive and inclined toward jealousy. Curb this, for otherwise it can bring a great deal of needless unhappiness into your life.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20) — Two major conflicts are in today's aspects and need regulating if you are to make good progress. Be diplomatically aggressive.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — After noon and evening hours are the most favorable for your plans. Be patient this morning, with minor upsels.

GEMINI (May 22-June 23) — Can be a gala weekend. Marriage and romance are highly favored, too. Forget business. Enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 23-July 23) — A good day for both personal and business matters, so take full advantage of the upturn. Get results now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — All projects connected with photography and the film industry appear to be especially favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Once your plans are made, stick to them. Don't change them unexpectedly. Avoid emotional upset. Be tactful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Events centering around your family and the domestic scene are especially favored. A socially pleasant weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A better-than-average merchandising day if your job is connected with buying and selling. The outlook for added profit is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — An active day but one in which an unusual display of emotional temperament is unwarranted. Be calm and level-headed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Continue yesterday's business expansion. Time, too, for romance if you are seeking it just now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — New plans, perhaps including a sea voyage, are in prospect. Favourable aspects attend them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21) — Agreements already discussed may be made, but sidestep entirely any new ideas at this time for the best results.

AROUND THE WORLD:

A Charming Southern City

By TEMPLE MANNING

WHEN people go further afield, they invariably are in for surprises.

Astonishment, wonderment, delight, is the happy lot of those that come upon the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the first time. And this goes for people who have visited New Orleans, say, for Mardi Gras, and who have come away without thinking of a visit to Pass Christian or Biloxi, both delightful winter resorts.

Old And Beautiful

Biloxi is old and beautiful, a historic treasure. Seven flags—those of France, Spain, England, the Confederate States, United States, Mississippi State and Mississippi—have flown over Biloxi since it was discovered by Bilboville some 250 years ago.

Biloxi was at its height when it was the capital of the Louisiana Purchase Territory, that mighty area that stretched from Canada to the Gulf. Much of the architecture built at that period is still standing and adds of course to the charm of Biloxi.

Much photographed and admired is the old lighthouse on West Beach Boulevard, which this year celebrates its century of service. For a period of sixty years, one family, mother-and-daughter, faithfully attended the light.

Biloxi is filled with wonderful old mansions and estates. On Bannoch Avenue is the beautiful mansion that was planted by Count Bannoch who was Greek Consul stationed at New Orleans. He planted the long driveways leading to the house with magnificent oaks, today a truly magnificent sight.

Easy Atmosphere

On Water Street is a house built about 1700, during the Spanish rule, which lasted from 1763 to 1810. The original brick walls covered with plaster, are more than 12 inches thick, with posts, doors and windows of cypress.

Biloxi itself combines the charm and easy atmosphere of a resort town with a thriving industrial section. There are thousands of people and hundreds of boats engaged in the oyster and shrimp industry and right there are huge packing plants from whence the cans of sea food are shipped.

Off Biloxi are charming little islands that were discovered and colonized by the French. Many of the islands are very picturesque.

From all reports, while Biloxi does not go in for parades and cele-



A native woman of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DR. STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht believes that he has at last discovered what his rocket

Working night and day, he has introduced into the bridgcratchet exhaust drum a small boiler, with a blowing engine attached. This boiler will have no piston and no discharge valve, and will be empty. The turbo-blower on the central shaft of the Collins double action ruffler will be mechanically rotated, to force air through the guides into the pressure chamber, with a jacketed casing below the vertical Herzclius drop-gutter. A suction pipe below the converter will carry off superfluous steam into a siphon-chimble, welded on non-porous gormfimbria, and connected with the Sirospshel plug-dips by 88-inch porcelain whingers.

Interlude

Prodrome: All this rignmarole seems to amount to the installation of an empty boiler. This doesn't seem to be a very startling discovery.

Myself: Without the vast technical knowledge necessary you are in no position to criticise things of this sort. Besides, you forget the "blowing engine attached."

Prodrome: And what the devil does that mean?

Myself: If you are really interested I recommend Sir Francis Armitage's "The Place of the Boiler in Technodynamics" (Killogrow and Scoven, 72s. net).

Temperamental Diva

A CRITIC remarked the other day that a certain singer "seemed to rejoice in the music" while singing a song. Many singers struggle against the music, hating every note of it, and opening their capacious maws grudgingly. That perhaps explains Rustiguzzi's virtuous action in the Opera House at Upsala. She was singing "Oh blst mein Schindlind, and grating her teeth at every word. Suddenly she stepped to the footlights and broke into "Oh, girls, I'm a devil for fruit, what, what, what!" just as she had done in Act II of "Lohengrin" at Marseilles.

Oh!

DEAR Beachcomber, I was horrified the other day to see a woman giving fish to an ape. The ape did not seem to like it at all but the woman almost forced it down its throat in great lumps. And it was soggy, and smelt a little. You who seem to despise animals will not publish this, of course.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Edith Mold.

Big U.S. Revolving Fund For Japan

Washington, Apr. 15.—Senator James Katland, of Mississippi, said today it was virtually certain Congress would approve within three weeks the plan for a US\$150,000,000 revolving fund with which the Japanese might buy United States cotton.

H.K. STOCK MARKET

Shares to the value of \$275,000 changed hands during this morning's session of the Hongkong Stock Exchange. Transactions and noon prices were:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALTS
HK Bank	2000	5 @ 2040	
East Asia	130		
INSURANCES			
Union	800	30 @ 790	
Underwriters	75		
DOCKERS ETC			
K. Wharf (C)	155		
Dock			
Provident			
		500 @ 22 1/2	
		100 @ 22 1/2	
		2500 @ 21 1/2	
Shal Dock	23 1/2		
LAND ETC			
HK Hotel	17 1/2	18 1/2	1500 @ 10
HK Land	51 1/2		
Land	5 1/2		
Humphreys	25		
UTILITIES			
Star Ferry	22	23	400 @ 22 1/2
Yau Ma Tei Ferry	22 1/2		
Light	23 1/2		
C. Light (N)	10 1/2	20	1000 @ 10
Electric	40 1/2	50	200 @ 40 1/2
Telephone (C)	44		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	40	41	400 @ 41 1/2
			1100 @ 41
Hope	21		
STOICES ETC			
Battery (C)	55	100 @ 54	
Watson (K)	40 1/2	50 @ 51	
Rie			
(Rights)	20	300 @ 20 1/2	
Lane Crawford	57		
COTTONS			
Ewo	20	500 @ 20 1/2	
		603 @ 20	

Katland said he believed Senate would approve the measure within ten days and the House would follow suit shortly after.

The measure, which would place US\$150,000,000 in a revolving fund to be used mainly for purchasing cotton but also could be spent for hides or other items the Japanese wish to purchase, has been approved unanimously by the Senate Agriculture Committee.—United Press.

Textile Exports
New York, Apr. 15.—The Journal of Commerce said today the textile export situation is changing, although last year's cotton textile exports, close to 1,500,000,000 square yards, were the highest in the history of the industry.

In January 1948, cotton textile exports to areas afflicted with Great Britain and areas affected by dollar shortages declined strikingly. In the case of Canada, the decline is expected to continue. In other cases, such as China, the position should rise.

Gains were reported for Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the Union of South Africa.

The United Kingdom, failed to meet the Canadian demand for cotton textiles because of higher prices than Canadian manufactured textiles. If the supply situation from Britain does not improve in the near future, Canadian importers are expected to induce their government to permit larger imports from the United States, unless Canada is successful in obtaining shipments from Japan under the arrangements recently announced by SCAP.—United Press.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Apr. 15.—Foreign exchange closing rates today were:

Argentine Peso (official)	US\$0.2977
Argentine Peso (unofficial)	3203
Australia	323
Belgium	2003
Canada	222 1/2
Chile	233
France	403 1/2
India	3023
Indonesia	3023
Japan	3023
Peru	323 1/2
Portugal	3023 1/2
South Africa	401 1/2
Sweden	3023
Switzerland	242 1/2
Uruguay	3023
Venezuela	3023
Shanghai (CNC\$100,000)	3015
Philippines	3023
Batavia	3023
Singapore	3023
Hongkong	2300

—United Press.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Apr. 15.—Silver, per fine ounce, as quoted by Messrs. Handy and Harmon

Silver Spot, per ounce 45d.

Silver Forward, per ounce 45d.

—United Press.

LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 15.—Silver, per fine ounce, as quoted by Messrs. Messrs. Messrs.

Silver Spot, per ounce 45d.

Silver Forward, per ounce 45d.

—United Press.

Bank Of England Returns

London, Apr. 15.—Bank of England returns for the week ending April 14 were as follows:

Notes in circulation	£1,241,705,000
Private deposits	14,475,000
Government securities	350,000,000
Other securities	38,520,000
Reserve funds	30,701,000
Receivables	59,072,000
Bank ratio	14.3%

—United Press.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 15.—The Bank of France statement for the week ending April 8 reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	Fr. 52,810,550,120
Total of other currencies	621,000,000
Sight balances abroad	127,147
Bills discounted in France	180,815,802,840
Notes in circulation	702,527,123,245
Current accounts and deposits	277,000,140,000

—United Press.

Pound Continues To Climb

Paris, Apr. 15.—The black market price of the United States dollar today, at 300 francs, reached a new high since the franc devaluation, while the Pound Sterling continued to climb and was quoted at 805 francs.

In the free market, the US\$20 gold piece was quoted at 21,800 francs, and the US\$1 note at 305 francs.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Chinese dollars (per CN\$1 m.)	920
Sterling notes (per £1)	1303
U.S. dollar (per US\$1)	875
Gold bars (per 100)	343.50
Planters (per 100)	1120
Bank notes (per 100)	2800
NEI guilders (per 100)	4300

—United Press.

New York Cotton Market

New York, Apr. 15.—Cotton market closing prices today were:

May (in cents per lb.)	37.07/00
July	35.92/04
October	34.07/00
December	32.04
March (1949)	32.40/42
May	32.02/00
July	31.20 nominal
Spot	30.67 nominal

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

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Spot	30.67 nominal

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES

Chicago, Apr. 15.—Chicago Board of Trade wheat prices today were:

May	2.21-1/2
July	2.41-1/2
COIN	2.33-1/2
July	2.21-1/2
DATE	1.10-1/2
July	1.04-1/2

—United Press.

RUBBER FUTURES

New York, Apr. 15.—Rubber futures closed today as follows:

April (cents per lb.)	22.65 nominal
May	22.15 bid
June	21.10 nominal
July	20.92 bid
August	20.60 nominal
September	20.20 bid
October	20.40 nominal
November	20.20 nominal
December	20.20 nominal
January (1949)	20.20 nominal
March	20.20 nominal
June	20.20 nominal

LONDON RUBBER

May per lb. (in pence) 13 1/2

July 12 1/2

September 12 1/2

—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels, posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail.

If mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. the previous day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Closing Times by Air

Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Chungking, Foochow, Tainan and Swatow, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea & Train

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 3 a.m.

Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail) (Sea) 9.30 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 3 p.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only) (Train) 2 p.m.

Amoy and Foochow (Sea) 3 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, East and South Africa (Sea) 3 p.m.

Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok (Sea) 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.

Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.

Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail) (Sea) 5 p.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Closing Times by Sea & Train

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 3 a.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only) (Train) 2 p.m.

Japan (Ordinary letters and cargo only) (Sea) 3 p.m.

Swatow (Sea) 3 p.m.

Shanghai and Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Sea) 3 p.m.

Formosa via Takao (Sea) 3 p.m.

Tientsin and Hainan (Sea) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.

Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail) (Sea) 5 p.m.

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♠ 703	♥ 702	♦ 701	♣ 700
♠ 702	♥ 701	♦ 700	♣ 699
♠ 701	♥ 699	♦ 698	♣ 697
♠ 699	♥ 698	♦ 697	♣ 696
♠ 698	♥ 697	♦ 696	♣

Soviet Currency Reform For Eastern Germany

"SOAK THE RICH" POLICY

Berlin, Apr. 15.—The Soviet military authorities in Germany have received orders from Moscow to go ahead with its plan for a separate currency reform in Eastern Germany, it was learned here today. German circles in close touch with both the German administrative organ and the Russian Control officials said the Russian plan would come into effect at the end of May or early in June.

The details of the plan are not yet known, but it is understood that it follows generally the proposals made by the Russians when a quadripartite currency reform still seemed possible.

The "interests of the working class" will, however, receive special consideration in the Soviet scheme, which will "soak" the rich by cutting into large bank deposits while leaving small savings relatively unaffected.

The introduction of a new currency in the Eastern Zone may

coincide with increased direct and indirect Russian pressure on the Western Allies to leave Berlin. At the moment, when the changeover is announced, traffic between the Western and the Soviet Zones is expected to be totally suspended for a few days at least.

RUSSIAN TACTICS

In Berlin itself, the Soviet sector will be included in the changeover, but the three Western sectors will be excluded, it was learned. The city will thus be cut in two and economic life may be at a standstill for a short time.

Political circles here hold the view that the Soviet authorities hope that this, coupled with increasingly irksome traffic regulations, will finally force the Western Allies out of the city.

The Russians have closed a wide strip of land adjoining the zone frontier to German vehicular traffic, the French licensed newspaper, *Kurier*, reported tonight.

Special permits must be obtained from the Soviet authorities for vehicles to enter this closed frontier area, the paper said.

The British inquiry, commission, investigating the causes of last week's fatal Viking-Yak air collision over Berlin, adjourned tonight after hearing evidence from German, American and British eye-witnesses.

A British spokesman said after the session that the inquiry was going "speedily" and the technical evidence was almost completed.

It is expected that the inquiry will be completed tomorrow when some of today's witnesses may be recalled for further questioning.

WRECKAGE INSPECTION

Part of the wing of the Russian Yak fighter and the wing of the British Viking aircraft will be brought by lorry to the room in the Allied Control authority building where the inquiry is being held for examination by the commission's experts.

The official confirmation that the British authorities have part of the wing of the wrecked Viking appears to bear out reports that some of the wreckage of the British plane, which crashed in the Russian Zone, had been "unofficially" moved into the British sector.

The Russian authorities gave permission for the bodies and baggage to be removed soon after the catastrophe, but they did not allow the wreckage of the plane itself to be touched.

In the same way, the wrecked Russian Yak fighter has been lying under British guard in the British sector of Berlin since the accident, and the Russian authorities will only be allowed to move it tomorrow.

General Alexandrov, the Russian air chief, who last night received permission from the British authorities to inspect the ruins of the Yak fighter tomorrow (Friday) morning, telephoned the British authorities today and announced he wanted to see the wreckage this afternoon.

The British authorities agreed, but the Russian general did not arrive. Soviet experts, accompanied by a British observer, will inspect the wreckage tomorrow morning as previously arranged.—Reuter.

New Treatment For Cholera

London, Apr. 15.—Successes in the treatment of cholera by a new "anticholera compound" provisionally called "G257" are reported in today's *British Medical Journal*.

In field trials carried out by Dr S. S. Bhattacharya in Madras last year, 12 of 35 patients survived. The three who died were in the group of those most seriously ill.

"The improvement, even in 24 hours, appears to have been remarkable," the *Journal* said. "As a rule, patients could be said to have recovered at the end of 72 hours."

It would be rash to assert that a panacea for cholera has been obtained. Nevertheless, the results are so striking that they merit further investigation on the widest possible scale.—Reuter.

LUXURY LINER COMING HERE

San Francisco, Apr. 15.—The luxury liner *President Wilson*, flagship of the American President Lines' passenger fleet, will sail from Los Angeles on May 9 on her maiden voyage to the Orient.

The US\$22,000,000 ship will call at Honolulu, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama on her 38-day voyage. The trip ends in San Francisco on June 14.

Shore-side excursion tours will be made at ports of call. The *Wilson*, sister ship of the *President Cleveland*, has accommodation for 550 passengers.—Associated Press.

Rome Police Protect Jewish Ghetto

Rome, Apr. 15.—A strong force of armed Italian police encircled Rome's Ghetto tonight after rumours that Fascist intended a repetition of last night's incident in which the Jewish quarter was invaded by youths singing Fascist songs.

With only one more day to go before the election campaign finishes at midnight tomorrow, Rome's political meeting were filled to overflowing.

Thousands of people assembled in the great Piazza Del Popolo to hear Signor Giuseppe Giannini, one of the leaders of the Rightwing National Bloc.

The latest Rightwing posters in Rome streets show a young Italian prisoner-war, emaciated and in rags, struggling over the snows of the Russian Steppes and shouting: "Do not vote for the Popular Front!"

Among the latest Leftwing propaganda is an allegation that high

Sudden Death Of Pres. Roxas

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From the Senate floor Tydings said President Roxas "constant and unrelenting" to repair the ravages of war and start the new Philippine Republic on its way as an independent nation caused him to break under the strain. His loss is very great and his passing will be mourned by the host of friends he has in America.

MENUTTS' TRIBUTE

From New York, Paul V. McNutt, former Governor-General of the Philippines said:

"The world and the people of the Philippines have lost a great leader. The people of the United States have lost a loyal and steadfast friend. Those of us who knew him best find for him the greatest affection and greatest respect."

President Roxas' death was announced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Fred Crawford, Michigan Republican, who said of the Philippines Islands: "He was a man of great ability. His death is a great loss. He was the man we could well use in post-war reconstruction and development of the Philippines Islands."

Speaker of the House Joseph Martin commented: "I deeply regret the death of President Roxas whom I was privileged to know personally. It will be a great loss to the Philippine Republic."

"GRIEVED AND SHOCKED"

The State Department instructed its top officials in Washington to convey American condolences to Philippine representatives. Press officer Lincoln White of the Department said a statement would be forthcoming from President Harry Truman.

Representative Walter Judd, Minnesota Republican, told the House, "I am grieved and shocked. Roxas was a man of extraordinary ability and fortitude." Congressman John Vorys, Republican acting chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said, "President Roxas was a heroic figure in an historic period and had the confidence of the American Congress. His tragic and sudden death creates a crisis which I am confident our new sister Republic will meet and master with wisdom and courage. We are gratified for his service and mourn his passing."

LOST A GREAT LEADER

President Truman's statement read: "I am deeply shocked at the news of the sudden death of President Manuel Roxas of the Philippines. In his passing, the Philippine people have lost a great leader and the United States of America a true friend."

"He assumed office as President when his war-ravaged country was faced with the most staggering problems. His untimely death in itself is evidence of the energy which he brought to the restoration of the Philippines and to the service of his people."

"The officials of this government with whom he came in contact have been unanimous in their praise of his far-seeing vision and statesmanship. His sure leadership of the Philippines and his courageous faith in his country, may well serve as an inspiration to the people of all lands."—Associated Press.

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Shipwrecked In Hands Of Communists

Shanghai, Apr. 16.—All the 452 passengers and about 60 crew members of the freighter *Wan Lee* are still in the hands of Chinese Communists in north-eastern Shantung, according to a high official of the Fuming Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, quoted by the press today.

The official expressed his belief that the passengers and crew are now being held at the Communist-controlled town of Yungchenhsien, about seven or eight miles from the north-east promontory where the ship ran aground last Monday.

In an effort to locate and try to rescue the passengers, nine persons representing the family members of the *Wan Lee* passengers in Shanghai are scheduled to emplane for Tsingtao and Peiping this morning. They will be accompanied by five officials of the Company.

The delegates will be taking with them several letters of introduction to high authorities, including one addressed to the Tsingtao Air Force commander requesting him to despatch one or two planes to circle over Yungchenhsien.—Reuter.

TENSION GROWS

Scattered outbreaks of violence from the far North of Italy to the extreme South were reported today as the electioneering tension rose before the vital poll on Sunday which will determine Italy's place in the future European pattern.

Servadio, a town in the north of Italy in the province of Mantua was gripped by a general strike called by the local labour organisation in protest against the arrest of the Communist Mayor after a machine-gun, three German rifles and ammunition, were found in his house.

The strike was called off tonight. Two policemen were wounded.

The Jewish quarter of Rome was clearing up today after a group of some 200 Neo-Fascists had invaded the narrow streets last night shouting "Death to the Jews" and beating those they found. Four people were seriously injured.

In the far South, at Lavello, near Reggio, the Bishop of Foggia and several priests with him were said to have been insulted and man-handled by Leftwing supporters during a religious procession.

At Montevarchi, near Florence, a worker climbed on to the rostrum while a member of the anti-Communist National Bloc was speaking, and splashed the orator's face with a brushful of red paint. He was taken into custody.

MORE HIDDEN ARMS

Police were still discovering large quantities of hidden arms in the Venice area. They unearthed other arms dumps when searching around Bari, in the extreme south-east of the country.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italy's Christian Democrat Premier, continuing his tour of Sicily, today addressed 30,000 people at Caltanissetta.

No visas for foreigners to enter Rome are being granted after the general election, the Italian Embassy in Paris stated today. The campaign for Italy's first general election in 25 years comes to an end at midnight tomorrow, the Ministry of the Interior announced today.

The Ministry denied reports that electioneering would go on until midnight on Saturday.—Reuter.

To Measure Machin Mountain Range

Shanghai, April 16.—The Central Air Transport Corporation plane, which will attempt to measure the Machin mountain range today to determine whether it is higher than Everest, arrived in Lanchow, capital of Kansu, yesterday afternoon.

The aircraft will be piloted by Captain Moon Chin, Vice-President of the CATA, when it makes the survey flight over the mountain. The party is expected to return tomorrow.—Reuter.

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ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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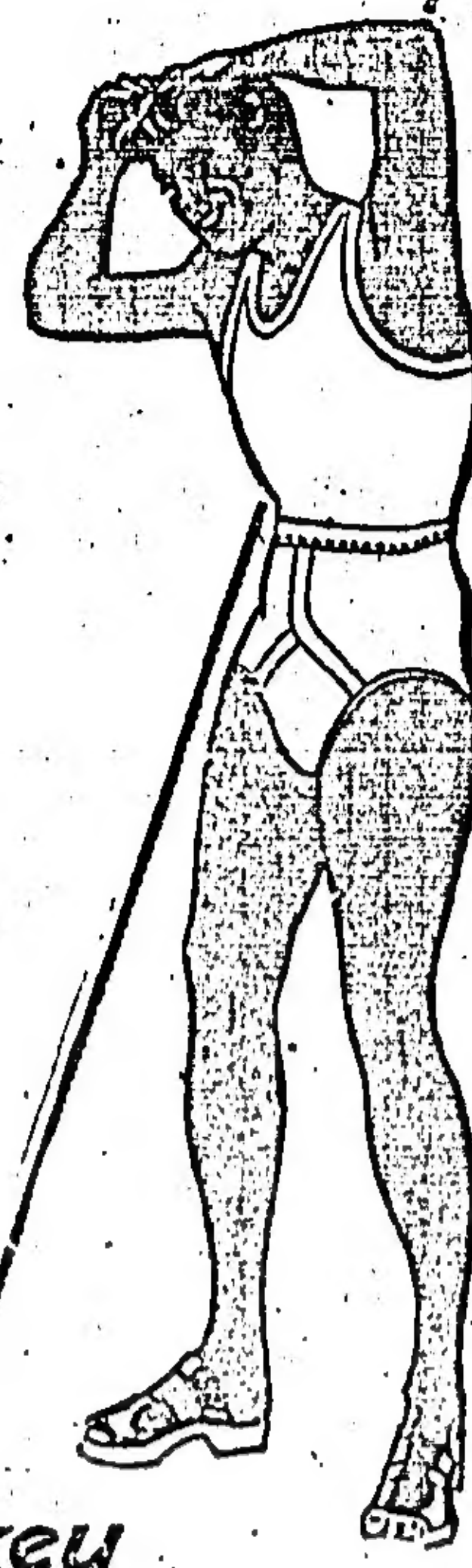
Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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